

DATES TO  
REMEMBER

- **FIELD DAY: Sunday—**  
14 February 2016
- **MONTHLY MEETING :**  
Thurs 18 February 2016  
- Guest speaker Anthony  
Moloney, CEO Melcare  
Biomedical and General  
discussion/questions and  
issues

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# BEE INFORMED



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## Do you LOVE Bees??



If you **LOVE** bees then why not come and spend **VALENTINES DAY** at the **Club Field day!**

**This Sunday 14 February**—gates open at 8:00am and locked at 8:30am. Address: Redlands Research Station DPI&F via Delancey St, Cleveland. Front gate accessed via Delancey Street, Cleveland.

This is a great way to help **YOUR club** as the club hives are a way of generating an income for the club so that **membership FEES** are kept as low as possible. Did you know that we haven't had an increase in membership fees in **YEARS** thanks to those regular club members that have come along to field days to work on the club hives!! Visitors are most welcome also—it's a great way to learn a few tricks that you might not know **OR** if you are a new beekeeper, this is the best way to learn about beekeeping. Many hands make light work—so come along for a few hours of Sunday morning (**14 February**) to help lighten the load. Field days go ahead **RAIN HAIL or SHINE.**

**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.

Members and Guests will be provided with tea and coffee at the end of the session (approx Noon).

**PLEASE NOTE:** All members are to bring their own protective gear to Field Days—this frees up the club gear to be available for visitors. This means long trousers and shirt also hat, veil and covered footwear. All in clean condition. Everyone **MUST** wear veils at the field day as 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.

## President's Report—Ray Goldsworthy



It just gets bigger and better. The meetings are expanding in numbers almost to the point of outgrowing the hall. Your interesting questions and the many answers provided by members make the night informative and exciting.

Each night we require 2 members to assist Ryan in setting up the kitchen before the meeting and to provide refreshments afterwards. I ask that you volunteer and share this easy task.

To assist members to identify trees at the field day site, we have discussed the idea of attaching labels with the botanical and common names. If you have calligraphy skills and would like to assist your club please contact me (Ray). The club will provide all materials.

Thanks

Ray



## MEETING NOTICE!

### February Monthly Meeting

**Where:** Redlands Indigiscapes 17 Runnymede Road, CAPALABA (All Welcome)

**When:** Thursday 18 February 2016—always the 3rd Thursday of the month!

**Time:** commencing 7:30pm

February meeting's guest speaker is Anthony Moloney, CEO and President of Melcare Biomedical. Mr Moloney has been a key driver in medical honey research since 1992. Early research helped identify which plant species were most suitable for medical use. Mr Moloney then developed the Medihoney® brand and product range which were commercialised by Australia's Capilano Honey Ltd in 1999.

There will also be the usual General discussion/questions and issues.

As always, I'm sure it will be a really interesting meeting and I hope to see you there.

## WHAT'S ON

### Ipswich & West Moreton Beekeepers Assoc Field Day

Ipswich Beekeepers Club are holding their annual field day on Sunday 6th March. Address: 1323 Ipswich-Boonah Road Peak Crossing.

Entry \$2.00 with a lucky door prize.

Food and refreshments available.

Please find attached to the back of this newsletter the Honey Schedule and the recipes for the Inter-Club Trophy for the Field Day. When Ipswich has confirmed all the Guest Speakers, we will send through the Program for the day. The Field Day will commence at 9.00 am so honey and the cooking entries will need to be lodged before that time.

Summer is in full swing and February is usually a good month for honey production on the Coast. Recent rains will start the Paperbarks (good nectar source) and the Wattles flowering (lots of Pollen). February usually sees the Bloodwoods and Grey Mangrove flowering which are both great honey flora sources and the Ivory Curl is still going strong.

As usual, with the hot humid weather, keep every vigilant for Hive Beetle as they really can get a hold quickly in this weather and a good hive can collapse overnight into a slimy mess. If your bees are bearding they are overcrowded, it's a good time to add a box of foundation to give them some room and some work to do—they will love you for it!!

### CONTINUE SUMMER MANAGEMENT

- Extract surplus honey
- Last month to start a nucleus hive with time to build up to a strong colony to over winter and while drones are still abundant if self raising queens.
- Remain vigilant for Hive Beetle, keep beetle traps and harborages well topped up.
- Replace two old brood frames with good extracted stickies.
- Replace old extracted honey frames with new foundation.

### FLOWERING THIS MONTH

**Grey Mangrove** is now out in full force: minor source of honey and major source of pollen. Honey has a distinctive flavor.

**Brown Bloodwood** and **Pink Bloodwood** are flowering (honey is light amber with reasonable flavor, Bloodwood is a major source of pollen)

Watch for the **Paperbark Tea Tree—*Melaleuca quinquenervia***—in response to good rain. It can provide a major honey flow. Paperbark Tea Tree is a major source of honey and pollen.

**Ivory Curl—*Buckinghamia celsissima***—is going strong and produces good pollen and a light mild flavoured honey.

Lots of **Wattles** flowering since recent rains for good support pollen.

**Other support flora** for pollen and honey in urban areas currently flowering include: Palms (Major pollen), Bananas, Grevillias, Umbrella tree, Monkey Vine, Soap Bush and Blue Helitrope.

THIS MONTH IN THE APIARY

## Club matters

A reminder that the club has a small amount of equipment on hand for purchase by members:

- ◆ Frames (bundles of 10—need to be assembled): \$13
- ◆ Wax foundation sheets (packs of 10): \$13
- ◆ Plastic bottles:
  - 500g squeeze bottle—60 cents
  - 500g round bottle—60 cents
  - 1 kg tamper proof tub—\$1
- ◆ Silver Bullet Beetle Traps: \$5.50



Please let Marion or Col know if you would like to purchase any of the above, and they will bring them to the next field day or meeting.

## Library Books

This is a gentle reminder for those members who have borrowed Club library books, to please return them when they are finished reading them to make them available to other members.

### IMPORTANT MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE!

**At each monthly meeting we need two volunteers to setup and clean up the kitchen. Member Ryan Bruens has volunteered to do it on a regular basis but we need another member at each meeting to give Ryan a hand. If everyone takes a turn each month the work load will be evenly distributed with each member only doing one shift a year. Please put your name down for the next meeting.**

## Beekeeping in the News!

### Liquid gold rush beckons for Australian honey producers as research identifies best antimicrobial nectar

Australian honey producers are set to tap into a potential billion-dollar global market for medicinal honey, with new research confirming powerful antimicrobial properties in the flowering nectar of trees found across Australia.

Three Australian universities are undertaking a joint study testing up to 86 different species of *Leptospermum*, 10 times more than are found across the Tasman, where the trees are the basis of New Zealand's burgeoning manuka honey industry.

New Zealand's biggest honey producer, Comvita, is negotiating with Australia's top producer, Capilano, to help it keep up with runaway demand for its products.

Capilano general manager Ben McKee said even without the Comvita deal, growing demand for manuka honey, traditionally known as jelly bush in Australia, was helping raise the farm gate price for all honey producers. For a small number of bee keepers already producing manuka honey, the profits are spectacular.

"Bee keepers don't have to produce a lot of this honey to get a really good financial return," Mr McKee said.

"If they have access to this it can really turn their business from just running along to a really large business. "Some of the bee keepers, we've paid over \$1 million just in one payment because of the amount of manuka honey, so it's a real game changer for some bee keepers."

Read the full story here: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-02-06/liquid-goldrush-for-australian-honey-producers/7141896>

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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 de-  
posit, 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.**



**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL  
BEEKEEPERS!!**

If you keep bees you **MUST** be registered as a beekeeper to own or more beehives. You need to register with Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF). Cost is \$15.30 annually. Please visit DAFF's website here <https://ablis.business.gov.au/QLD/pages/56eaf618-d2ae-4b54-9332-0a41503ba687.aspx> for all links, forms and other pieces of useful information.

You are also required to adhere to rules intended to control and prevent diseases and pests affecting bees.

Please be a **RESPONSIBLE** beekeeper!!

## Low fat Pear&Ginger Muffins

200 grams comb Honey

2 large Eggs

1 ½ cups SR Flour

1 ½ Pears, peeled & diced

2 tablespoons Diced Preserved Ginger

Icing Sugar to dust

This recipe uses comb honey which, when baked, produces a moist muffin without the use of fat. The wax emulsifies in the batter. Humans don't digest beeswax, so it's an inert lipid in our system.

Method: Preheat oven to 180C. Place the comb honey and eggs in a bowl and roughly mash with a fork. Combine lightly with the flour, and then fold in the pears and half the ginger. Place in well-greased non-stick muffin tins. Top with remaining ginger pieces and bake for approx. 20 minutes until just cooked through and lightly golden. Dust with icing sugar. Makes 12 muffins.

Reference: Maureen Maxwell 'Honey, Bees Online Recipe Collection'.

## Honey Shortbread

225grams butter, softened

50grams honey, warmed to soften

1 cup icing sugar

2 + 1/2 cups plain flour

60 grams cornflour

1 teaspoon vanilla essence.

Castor sugar to sprinkle

Preheat the oven to 150C.

Cream the butter, honey and icing sugar.

Gradually add the flour, cornflour and the vanilla and mix until well combined.

Roll out and cut into bars. Sprinkle with castor sugar for a crisp finish.

Bake for 20 to 30 minutes until only just colouring on the edges.

Cool on baking trays for 5 minutes before transferring to cooling racks.

Reference: Maureen Maxwell 'Honey, Bees Online Recipe Collection'.

**IPSWICH CLUB  
HONEY COMPETITION SCHEDULE  
FOR THE INTER-CLUB TROPHY  
FIELD DAY - Sunday 6 March**

Members only need to supply 1 bottle for each entry.

One entry per Member for each class.

All entries to be presented in standard 500g bottles with white lids.

All entries must be from the exhibitor's own apiary.

The following are the Classes that Members can enter:-

1. Light Honey.
2. Golden Honey.
3. Dark Honey.
4. Comb Section in Honey.
5. Creamed Honey.
6. Granulated Honey - Fine.
7. Granulated Honey - Coarse.
8. Beeswax - block of beeswax - min 500g
9. Frame of Honey.
10. Heaviest Frame of honey.
11. Biscuit Recipe.
12. Cake Recipe.