

# Nimbin Natural Beekeepers Newsletter

## April 2016

Thanks to Ness, Damon Frey and Amete for hosting the last bee meeting at their home in Koonorigan. The weather was perfect to inspect the hives after much rain the previous days. We were all very impressed by how gently the bees were and how healthy the frames looked and the special extended landing platform that was added for the bees to land of before entering the hive.

### Next Meeting

The next get together is this Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April start 10am at Kathy and Chris's home at Stokers Siding.

Directions from Nimbin:

Follow Kyogle Road to Uki. Go through the village and turn left into SMITHS CREEK road. Follow onto Stokers Siding. At the T junction turn left. Continue on several kilometers. The first road on the left will be Mcconnells road. We are 1.4 kilometers along on the left after the causeway. The property name is 'Woodstone' which is on the stock yards. It is a good road up to the house with parking behind.

Address: 143 Mcconnells road Dunbible. (between Stokers Siding and Murwillumbah) phone 66779084 / 0417919965

### Plan for the this Sunday

Start time 10am

Meeting, morning tea, "Jun" fermented drink talk,  
Splitting a Hive demonstration, Lunch

**Split the hive** Kathy wrote, "I am planning to split the hive. I have a nuke box and another complete box ready for bees. At this stage I am unsure if I will purchase another queen or weather I will simply just split the hive."

**"Jun"** I would like to give a talk about "Jun" that is a fermented drink using honey, which tastes good and has some medicinal benefits. It is easy to make and refreshing to drink.

*The meetings are welcome to all, beginners as well as experienced beekeepers. The meetings are an opportunity to learn about bees and share knowledge and experiences about keeping bees.*

**What to bring:** Lunch and morning tea to share, tea provided.

**Some protection from bee stings.** If you have a bee suit bring it along. Bring a folding chair cup for morning tea

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### Swarms

If you see any swarms and don't need them please let us know and we will come collect them. There are a good number of new beekeepers asking for swarms it would be great to be able to get them going with bees.

Give us a call on 0434892466

### Need a Swarm

I have a list of people needing bees if you would like to be added to this list let me know jamescreagh@hotmail.com.

If you are in need of bees for your hive

Wait till I call you when a swarm becomes available. This may be very unpredictable.

Put a sign up around your local town letting folks know that you will remove swarms

Arrange for Ross in Grafton to place bees in you box. You will need to bring your box down and leave it with him then collect in a few weeks later. He charges \$50. His # 0421817710 if you are planning on getting bees this way make an entry on the Nimbin Natural Beekeepers facebook page, let others know and may be able to share the cost and trip with others.

If you have been lucky enough to receive a free nucleus (bees) from Alan or myself to get you hive happening, please feel welcome to share the same with new beekeepers. If you have a swarm from you hive let us know so we can get a new beekeeper going with bees for their hive. Or offer to have a couple of frames removed from your hive to get someone going with bees in their new hive. Ask on our facebook page or at our meeting on how to do it

### Facebook page

The Nimbin Natural Beekeepers have a facebook page. Feel welcome to like and you will receive future entries and also please feel welcome to enter any bee related info you find or photos of your hives and bees.

<https://www.facebook.com/NimbinNaturalBeekeepers>

### **Alan's Days**

Alan offers open days at this place for building bee boxes etc. every second Thursday and fourth Tuesday of the month plus a Saturday for the folks that could not come during the week. For more info contact Alan at

[alansnell3@gmail.com](mailto:alansnell3@gmail.com)

### **Gina's Posters**

Currently the group has sold out of the posters but if anyone is interested let me know and can order some more. It works out cheaper buying 10 at a time.