

April 2015

Mac. Bee News



MACARTHUR BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION INC.



A Word From the President

Dear Club Members

Welcome to our 1st new committee newsletter.

The newsletter will be an important medium to keep you the members updated on club subjects, bee stuff and news.

As a new team we are going through a lot of new and very old information and dusty materials as we are trying to find the way to serve you/ the club in the best way.

Some of our work is and will be for a while legalities that are necessary by law. These are not directly beekeeping subjects nor are they club politics, so we'll need your support to get them done a.s.a.p.

We have met already twice, once at the *handing over* of the secretary office from Claudio to Caroline and a second time as the new committee or the new team. On the discussion are various subjects. In short we agree that:

- It is important for us to keep the meeting well structured and on time. The discussions will be time sensitive, effective and informative so we have maximum time for beekeeping subjects and socializing.

- As the chair it will be my aim to facilitate the meeting style. Let me know if you like to have more information on this point

- The formal meeting will start on time, at 7:30pm and will be in three main parts: 1st part: Formalities (max 30 min), 2nd part: General Business(max 30 min). The more we can condense the 1st and 2nd part, the more time we will have for the 3rd part: The Buzz (max 30 min). The meeting will finish at

9:00pm

- We are sorry, but the committee will no longer do snail mail/mail-outs. Club correspondence and newsletters will be via email. Please note, two important steps are suggested 1) check with Caroline (our club secretary) that **your** email address on the club records is correctly spelled and 2) a hard copy of the communication/news letter will be available at club meetings for members to read from the Secretary and later from the *Member Liaison Officer* This point will be mentioned during next meetings General Business.

- To encourage a more “member needs” focus of our club and help with this transition, we are now looking for the new position to be filled a.s.a.p: of *Member Liaison Officer* to keep in contact with every one, to make sure we can offer equally good service to all members.

- We are also inviting your expression of interest for the newly created position of *Assistant to the Apiary Officer* .

- Both of these positions will be assigned by the committee. Please contact me any time if you are interested in the details.

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- Other points and news will come up during next meeting General Business on the15.04.2015

I am looking forward meeting with you then.

Ralph

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New Committee for 2015

On the 18th March 2015 we had the AGM in which we farewelled the old committee and welcomed a new Committee consisting of :

President: Ralph Skerra
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Secretary: Caroline Clatworthy
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Treasurer: Jean Haavasalu 0407 899 886

Vice President: Miskell Hampton 0437 913 831

Apiary Officer: Anthony
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Club Librarian/ Editor: Maher Steitieh
0419993806

With many thanks to the outgoing committee for their hard work and dedication.

Camden Show

Camden Show was a great success. We had two displays, one with the Centre for Sustainable Living and the other our club honey sales. Thanks to our willing volunteers and club members who sold their honey. All of the honey taken to the show sold, with Craig performing his power selling routine to ensure the last few jars didn't have to be packed up. The club made around \$700 in honey sales.

The Centre for Sustainable Living had a fantastic, fun educational theme for the younger visitors. Our display of live bees was a welcome addition to the marquee and visitors were able to learn about brood, honey, the life cycle of bees, with some even witnessing the emerging new bees from their brood cells.

Thanks to all members who gave their time and expertise



The future of our Club is in your Hands

The new committee met to discuss ongoing club issues and the hopes for the future.

The first and most pressing issue is the amendment of our club constitution. The previous committee did much of the



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work to prepare the way for the changes. At present our constitution doesn't even have the correct club name. We really need to address this as a priority and will keep you up to date with its implementation.

The committee would like to keep the formalities of each meeting short, to enable more time for bee business. The meeting will have 3 parts, 1. The formalities. 2. General business. 3. The Buzz. To help with this, if you have any items for General business, please contact a committee member before the meeting night.

Soon you will be able to borrow books and magazines from the club Library,

I will keep you posted

We need our own Honey room 😊

I mean by that a Honey Extracting and storage room near the Apiary,

The committee discussed the need for a club honey room.

Ralph is going to look into the regulations for a site near the apiary.

If you have any thoughts or experience, please contact Ralph

Volunteers help should be appreciated

Certificates of appreciation will be given to volunteers. They will exclude committee members and assistants who benefit from the event. We are looking at a club shirt for members who continue to volunteer.

Your help is needed

We still need the following officers, Member Liaison, Equipment and Publicity. If you are interested, please contact a committee member

Swarm List

All accomplished beekeepers (must be financial members) that would like to be added to the club's swarm list 2015 to contact Ralph via email:

president@macbeekeepers.asn.au with their up to date contact details (mob, tel, email) and suburb they like to be active in. Before next meeting on the 15th

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Honey Almond Biscotti

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup - butter or margarine, softened
- 3/4 cup - honey
- 2 - eggs
- 1 teaspoon - vanilla extract
- 3-1/2 cups - all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons - anise seeds
- 2 teaspoons - ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon - baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon - salt
- 1/4 teaspoon - baking soda
- 1 cup - dried cranberries
- 3/4 cup - slivered almonds

Directions

Using electric mixer, beat butter until light; gradually add honey, eggs and vanilla, beating until smooth. In small bowl, combine flour, anise seeds, cinnamon, baking powder, salt and baking soda; gradually add to honey mixture, mixing well. Stir in cranberries and almonds. Shape dough into two 10x3x1-inch logs on greased baking sheet. Bake at 350°F for 20 minutes or until light golden brown. Remove from oven to wire rack; cool 5 minutes. Reduce oven to 300°F. Transfer logs to cutting board. Cut each log into 1/2-inch slices; arrange on baking sheet. Bake 20 minutes or until crisp. Cool on wire racks.



We are on the WEB:

www.macbeekeepers.asn.au

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10 FRAME BOX	\$25.80
10 FRAME BASE 3/8 RISER	\$23.10
10 Frame EXCLUDER	\$16.50
10 FRAME MIGRATORY LID	\$25.40
FRAMES FULL DEPTH	\$1.50
HIVE BASE 3/8 RISER 8 FRAME	\$23.10
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NAILS CEMENT COATED	\$7.00
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HIVE TOOL	\$26.40
8 FRAME BOXES	\$24.60
QUEEN EXCLUDERS 8 FRAME	\$15.40
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WIRE CRIMPER	\$44.00
TACKS	\$5.00
STAINLESS STEEL SMOKER	\$55.00
20 LITRE PAIL	\$14.65
FOUNDATION PER SHEET	\$1.50
LABELS \$0.25 OR 500	\$120.00
GLASS JARS 375ml \$0.77each or Box of 72	\$52.00



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frames to order,
Call him:

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Call Anthony Martin on 02 9606 6842 for any of the Supplies

If you have any beekeeping Equipment Tools or supplies, email Maher Steitieh on m@steitieh.com and I will publish it in the news letter