

Macarthur Beekeepers Newsletter

June 2015



Diary Dates:

- Back Yard Beekeeping
16th June 2015, Tuesday, Talk by Bruce White Camden Senior Citizen Centre call phone 02 4655 8941
- Club Meeting
17th June 2015 7:30pm Wednesday, Honey Jar Label Design by Miskell 0437 913 831
Wednesday 1 Mt. Anan Drive Mt Anan, receive your free copy of Guide to the Sale of Pre-packaged goods
- Field Day Club Apiary
20th June 2015 9am Saturday 1 Mt. Anan Drive Mt Anan Anthony 0412 577 828
- Testing Honey for Biological Activity
9 JULY 2015 Thursday, 7.00 pm, Illawarra Branch, Dr Peter Brooks, booking is essential.
- NSW Apiarists Association Conference, AGM, Trade Show
2nd & 3rd July 2015 Penrith Panther Leagues Club <http://www.nswaa.com.au/news-and-events/annual-conference/>
- Club Meeting
15th July 2015, Wednesday Guest Speaker: Dave Wilson Secretary ABA 7:30pm 1 Mt. Anan Drive Mt Anan Ralph 0450 501 330
- Club Meeting
19th August 2015, Guest Speaker Dr. Lamorna Osborne "Medical Honey"
- Tim's Garden Centre
29th August 2015 Saturday Campbelltown, Beekeeping, demonstrations, members are invited to participate and make it a great Meet the Public Event Why and what to bring? Contact Caroline 0402 855 093 secretary@macbeekeepers.asn.au
- Total Beekeeping Field Day
24th October 2015 Saturday Hop on the bus with Anthony 0412577828 early bookings are recommended

- Christmas Party Bohemian Restaurant Narellan
Details from Anthony 0412577828 booking and pre payment is required.
- Do You like to add an interesting or important date to our news letter, please contact Miskell 0437 913 831

Word from the President

Hello fellow amateur beekeepers

It is time for the June2015 issue of our local club newsletter. Please let Lindsay (Member Liaison Officer) 0417 952 585 if you do not receive our Macarthur Beekeepers club newsletter by email.

In preparation for this newsletter I found that there is no end to the amount of bee related reading and web site information available. Surprisingly this makes our task actually more difficult.

This is what I do for myself: I look for local NSW news first. Can I recommend The Amateur Beekeeper Bi-monthly Newsletter <http://www.beekeepers.asn.au/> , after all it is written for us. Please let Lindsay if you do not receive the ABA news letter by email.

The focus this month is on educational workshops, events, courses and talks in our region that are available for amateur beekeepers and new-bees alike . There are topic choices and support for box making, frame building, honey label design, back yard and beginning in beekeeping as well as alternative beekeeping. I hope you'll find something that will interest you.

I'd like to invite every member to let Miskell 0437 913 831 know when you find an interesting article or web site that we can share via the news letter or our web site.

From the Vice:

The Learn to build your own hive workshop, showed our newest beekeepers how to build their own hive boxes. It was a fun and informative session which ended with two new beekeepers taking home their first hives. We will be looking forward to the frame making workshop later this month.

It was great to see club members who are keen to be involved in assisting our club gain its own premises. There were lots of suggestions for design and input into the type and sizes of the rooms. There is still a lot of groundwork to be done in writing the initial proposal, but we are confident that we can have a facility that will showcase our club and beekeeping to the community.

Please look at the logo's in your everyday life. What makes you remember them? What do you think of when you see them? We will need a recognizable logo which can be produced in many sizes for use on our correspondence, signage, on clothing etc. Start thinking about and drawing up your designs if you are feeling artistic.

Courses

- Frame Making Workshop 20th June 2015 9:00 am to 12:00 Saturday @ Beekeeper Selection, booking is essential, SMS Ralph 0450 501 330
beekeeperselection@gmail.com bring your own materials, or buy well beforehand form Anthony 0412577828, limited material only for sale at work shop
- Backyard Beekeeping 8thAugust2015 Saturday Macarthur Community College booking through the college call (02) 9826 6455 use search: Backyard Beekeeping <http://www.macarthurcc.com.au/categories/list.html?SubcategoryID=10>
- Beginning in Bees Course, 15thand 16th August 2015 Camden call (02) 4640 6333
- Natural Beekeeping September 26th-27th, 2015 Sydney, Alexandria Park Community Centre <http://www.milkwood.net/courses>
- Beginning in Bees Course 20th Oct 2015 - 21st Oct 201 Total College call 1800 025 520
- Sutherland, for date and time contact club@beekeeperssutherland.org.au
- Beginning in Bees Course November 1, 2015 9:00 am MacDonald /St Albans call (02) 4568 2036 <http://www.permaculturesydneyinstitute.org>
- Do You know of any interesting courses, please contact Miskell 0437 913 831

Recipe

Honey BBQ Baked Chicken Tenders:

Ingredients

- 2 pounds - skinless, boneless chicken tenders
- 1/2 cup - BBQ sauce
- 1/4 cup - honey
- 1/3 cup - whole wheat flour
- 2 - eggs, beaten
- 1 1/2 cups - whole wheat Panko breadcrumbs
- non-stick cooking spray
- **Honey BBQ Dipping Sauce**
- 1/4 cup - BBQ sauce
- 2 T - honey



Directions

In a large bowl, stir together BBQ sauce and honey. Add the chicken tenders to the bowl and make sure they are all coated. Cover and allow to marinate in refrigerator for at least 30 minutes and up to 4 hours.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Spray a large baking sheet with non-stick spray. Put flour in one bowl. Beat eggs in another bowl. Put Panko crumbs in third bowl. Coat individual chicken tenders in flour, then dip in egg. Finally, generously roll the chicken tenders in

the Panko breadcrumbs. Place the chicken strips on the baking sheet (with non-stick spray).

Bake for 10 minutes. Flip tenders over and allow it to bake until cooked through and outside is crisp, about 10 minutes. Cook chicken tenders longer if you want more brown. Serve with the Honey BBQ Dipping Sauce (below).

To make the Honey BBQ Dipping Sauce, combine the BBQ sauce and honey, stirring together until fully mixed.

This month's plant:-

Red ironbark (Eucalyptus sideroxylon)

One of about 40 ironbark species, so named for their hard, deeply furrowed bark, this woodland tree, also known as mugga, is an important honey and pollen plant for NSW beekeepers. The honey is gathered by bees from hives placed by apiarists in red-ironbark woodlands. It is also an excellent tree for wood fuel.

Adult leaves are stalked, lanceolate to 14 x 1.8 cm, sub-glaucous or dull green, Flowers are white, pink, red or pale yellow from early autumn until mid-spring.

Distribution is wide but sporadic: south-eastern Queensland, widespread on the western slopes and plains of New South Wales south into north-central Victoria.

E. sideroxylon is very conspicuous with its unusually black bark often holding copious quantities of kino (plant gum). It is a very popular ornamental and street tree, In the wild Muggas grow on infertile soils, often little more than sandy gravel.

Flowers: mainly April–Sept



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EQUIPMENT PRICE LIST

10 FRAME BOX	\$25.80
10 FRAME BASE 3/8 RISER	\$23.10
10 Frame EXCLUDER	\$16.50
10 FRAME MIGRAYORY LID	\$25.40
FRAMES FULL DEPTH	\$1.50
HIVE BASE 3/8 RISER 8 FRAME	\$23.10
HONEY GATES FOR 20/25 L BUCKET	\$25.00
M LOCKS	\$14.00
MIGRATORY LID 8 FRAME	\$23.10
EYELETS 500	\$12.70
NAILS CEMENT COATED	\$7.00
WIRE S/S 500g	\$26.40
HIVE TOOL	\$26.40
8 FRAME BOXES	\$24.60
QUEEN EXCLUDERS 8 FRAME	\$15.40
APITHOR BEATLE BAITE	\$7.00
WIRE CRIMPER	\$44.00
TACKS	\$5.00
STAINLESS STEEL SMOKER	\$55.00
20 LITER PAIL	\$14.65
FOUNDATION PER SHEET	\$1.65
LABELS \$0.25 OR 500	\$120.00
GLASS JARS 375ml \$0.77each or Box of 72	\$52.00

Call Anthony Martin on 04 12 577 828 for any of the Supplies.

Ray Walker will make good frames to order, Call him: 0419 432 929.

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

hope to see you all at the next meeting Maher Steitieh