

# Sunshine Coast Beekeepers Inc.

<https://sites.google.com/site/sunshinecoastbeekeepersincsync/meetings>

## From the big Drone

### Presidents Report - January 2017:

Welcome everyone to 2017. Let's hope it soon improves from a honey production aspect.

Big thanks to Les and MC for organising the Xmas breakup. It was a great success, with everyone having the chance to meet our special guest Peter Warhurst as well as Barry & Cheryl Williams.

Our first meeting this year will be at the old School building Nambour Showgrounds on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January. The theme of the meeting will be: "What do members want from the group in 2017", so we need everyone's input.

Specific items for discussion will include:

- (a) Update on efforts to secure a base
- (b) Formulating mentoring arrangements
- (c) Programme for 2017 meetings

9.30 am morning tea for 10.00 am start

See you all there

Alby Taylor



## Next Meetings

### 2016 - 2017 Committee Meeting Dates

Meetings are held on the last Saturday of each month in locations to be confirmed.

Meetings start at 9.30am and are generally followed by a workshop.

January – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017

February -25<sup>th</sup>, 2017

March -25<sup>th</sup>, 2017

April – 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - Best Honey in the World Competition

May – 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017

June – 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017

July - 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017

August – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - Annual General Meeting

**Bring a plate to share for morning tea. Something for the raffle table is always appreciated.**

## Swarms

David Lee is always looking for people to have their name added to the list of those prepared to collect swarms at short notice.  
[secretaryscbg@hotmail.com](mailto:secretaryscbg@hotmail.com)



## Bee Books

There is an extensive range of books on all aspects of beekeeping that can be borrowed from the SCBG library. Please see our friendly worker bee librarian Bec Francis at our next meeting [becfrancis@gmail.com](mailto:becfrancis@gmail.com).

## SCBG on Facebook

In the Facebook search bar type Sunshine Coast Beekeepers Group, Australia for lots of interesting articles, videos and members' stories. Laura Ellis [imlaurasaurus@hotmail.com](mailto:imlaurasaurus@hotmail.com)

## Round Dance

Do you have something you wish to communicate to the colony? This could be local or global news; items to sell, buy or give away; photos or news from your apiary. [gillianmeyers@me.com](mailto:gillianmeyers@me.com)

## www.Waggle Dance

Share with other members of the colony anything you have further from the hive (on the world wide web) by doing a waggle dance and sharing the web links with members! Forums such as <http://forum.honeyflow.com/> are a good source of beekeeping wisdom but make sure to work with your club mentors.

**Queensland Beekeepers Association** is a great place to see bee industry issues, conferences and a variety of newsletters <http://qbabees.org.au/>

Some local associations such as the Gold Coast and Ipswich are very well organized: <http://gcrb.org.au/>

The relatively recent rise in interest in bees from families and kids is highlighted

**Sharing the knowledge of beekeeping and to assist others in getting started in the craft.**

### *2016 – 2017 Executive and Committee*

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in this ABC clip featuring our own Laura Ellis <http://www.abc.net.au/local/videos/2015/06/26/4262670.htm>

Our closest local beekeeping supplier may now be at Yandina (as well as Morayfield or Brisbane)  
<http://beepositive.com.au/>

The Ginger Factory's head beekeeper Gayle Currie features in this year's Ginger Festival at Yandina  
<https://www.gingerfactory.com.au/whats-on/2017-ginger-flower-and-food-festival>

Universities are significant contributors to research into beekeeping and especially on issues such colony collapse disorder, the effects of herbicides and bees in the global environment <https://theconversation.com/bee-battles-why-our-native-pollinators-are-losing-the-war-40620>

Our own USC has a team of people engaged in bee research <http://www.usc.edu.au/explore/usc-news-exchange/news-archive/2015/october/research-identifies-aussie-bee-potential>

Manuka honey is famed for its medicinal properties but Australian Ti-tree honey suppliers have some branding issues - <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2016-08-24/there-s-a-battle-to-trademark-manuka-the-champagne-of-honeys>

Honey Wars? Let's hope that we don't get into the situation that exists in New Zealand where the sky high price of Manuka honey is driving crime and violence - <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/nov/04/manuka-honey-wars-new-zealand-crime-booming-industry-poisoning-beatings>

Medicinal Honey - Dave Perkins from the Gold Coast Beekeepers Association has *Leptospermum* plants 0406 255 214 [BAustNative@outlook.com](mailto:BAustNative@outlook.com)

They are native to Southeast Queensland and Northern New South Wales and carry high levels of DHA (di-hydroxyl-acetate), which can provide high quality medicinal honey e.g. Manuka Honey.

Many of our members have bought and planted the species that I have propagated, and now I have surplus stocks that I can offer to the members of other Beekeeping Associations.

Some of the varieties that I have on hand include: *Polygalifolium* – Wild May, Jelly Bush, Yellow Tea Tree; *Scoparium* – Manuka, Red Tea Tree, Kahikatoa; *Petersonnii* – Lemon Scented Tea Tree.

See you on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January at Nambour Showgrounds.

