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Next Meeting: Saturday 28th July at Matthew Flinders Anglican College, 1-47 Stringybark Rd, Buderim QLD 4556 Follow fellow attendees from the carpark to the auditorium.

Meetings start at 10 am (with morning tea and socializing from 9.30 am). Bring a plate.

The club needs you to buy lots of raffle tickets! And to bring high quality raffle prizes!

<https://www.sunshinecoastbeekeepersinc.org.au/meetings-events-calendar>

President's report JULY 2018:

The Annual show is now behind us. It was a very successful promotion of the club & its activities. However all who participated are convinced that we can improve the presentation next year. We therefore propose to set up a committee now with an 11 month programme to plan for the 2019 Maleny show which is closely followed by the Nambour event. Anyone who is prepared to participate is urged to put their name forward.

A review of the judging results for this year revealed a mathematical error in addition of allocated points which disadvantaged David Lee's exhibit. This has been corrected by the Show Society, but our apologies David we will be cross checking to ensure it does not happen in future.

The working bee at Yandina saw 8 willing workers clean up our Club land. A big thanks to those participants, especially Dale Levison who provided the mowing & his other equipment.

Our fourth Introduction to Beekeeping was held on Sunday, 8th July. Apart from being a great promotion for the club, it also raised about \$500.00. The next course is 12th August. To book a place: left click on: <https://www.sunshinecoastbeekeepersinc.org.au/workshops>

Included in this Newsletter is a nomination form for Committee members to be elected at the AGM on August 25th. Next year should be very exciting with the development of club facilities at Yandina & we are going to need a strong team. If you are prepared to assist please nominate.

Don't forget a plate to share & raffle prizes at Mathew Flinders on 28th. A report will be provided on the highlights of the Bee Congress held in Brisbane last month. Make sure you are there with lots of questions on the latest world wide news.

Alby Taylor

DO NOT MISS THE MEETING THIS SATURDAY (at Matthew Flinders Anglican College):

Member Chris Johnson will be giving a summary of the **3rd Australian Bee Congress held on the Gold Coast, 27-30th June, 2018.** See more information on page 2.

Chris will present this latest bee research from around the world.

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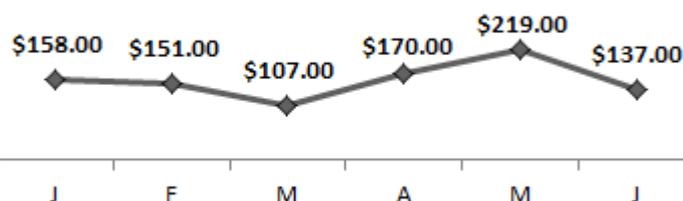
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Raffle: Amount raised at the May meeting: **\$137.00 - A terrible result.**

The raffle is an important way of raising desperately needed funds for our new club house and facilities. Please bring quality items for prizes - fresh produce from your garden will be snaffled up quickly by lucky winners.

The Club needs you to buy lots of tickets each meeting!



An amateur beekeeper's recollection of the 3rd Australian Bee Congress held on the Gold Coast, 27-30th June, 2018.

The byline of the Congress was "Pollination & Beekeeping for the Future". Now most beekeepers I know are interested in honey production with pollination just a consequence of the bees' foraging activity. Over the 3 days of the Congress, there were concurrent sessions so that I could only attend, and so report on, half of the presentations. So what topics attracted my attention?

- Pollination -feral bee populations, effect of the varroa mite and neonicotinoids.
- Bee genetics – can improve honey production, hygienic behaviour and temperament.
- Biosecurity – why have it?
- Bee nutrition – I thought this was a most important issue.
- Stingless bees – not much honey but pollinators and biodiversity.
- The global honey market – role / failure of Apimondia (the world body) in protecting honey as a unique food.
- Urban beekeeping in Australia
- Amateur beekeeping groups –what makes a successful group?

I will be giving a PowerPoint presentation, expanding on the above topics, at our next meeting on Saturday 28th July at Matthew Flinders College, Buderim. I will also be giving an overview of the impressive trade displays. See you at the meeting!!

Chris Johnson (Member)

Clean-up, Saturday 7th July,

Many thanks to all those who turned up at the club's new site this morning. It really goes to prove the old adage that many hands make light work.

For the information of all members, the site now looks a lot cleaner and tidier than it was when we started. There's a nice big pile of vegetation waiting for the council to turn up with their chipping/mulching gear to turn it into valuable compost material.

Again, thanks to those who turned up.

Bill Spencer

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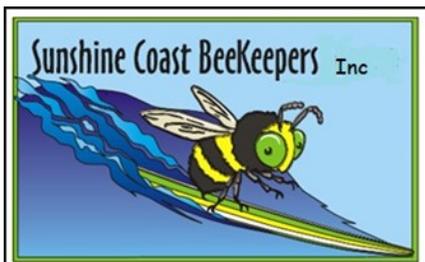
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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: 25th August 2018.

Call for nominations for all Committee positions.

To be nominated and elected for management committee positions, members must be financial as at the date of the nomination. Furthermore, those who second anybody's nomination must themselves be financial as of the date of their seconding a person's nomination.



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Management Committee Nomination Form 2018 – 2019

Notice of opening of nominations for the Management Committee for the year September 2018 – August 2019 to be elected by nominations or in the event of more nominations by ballot.

I, _____

Of _____

Hereby consent to my candidacy for election to the Sunshine Coast Beekeepers Inc. management Committee for the position of

- President
- Vice-President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- General Committee

Signed _____

Date _____

PROPOSER

SECONDER

Name _____

Name _____

Signature _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Date _____

President
Alby Taylor
(ph 0418 882 282)

Secretary
Geoff Johnson
(ph 0417 607 622)

Treasurer
Bill Spencer
(ph 0419 149 947)

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What you missed if you missed the June meeting:

- All the news about the funding and development of the new club facilities;
- Information about chalk brood;
- Discussion about bees not taking to the plastic flow hive supers;
- Discussion about why the Flow Hive is not necessarily an expensive proposition;
- How a bee keeper crops his honey - from traditional supers - without using an extractor;
- Discussion by two beekeepers re all their bees deserting their hives;
- About the glass covered hive used for demonstration at the Nambour Show;
- Plans for displays at next year's Nambour and Maleny Shows;
- About new memberships;
- A plea from the treasurer to renew your memberships via direct deposit, referencing your name. (In cash at meetings is OK, if you must). Subscriptions were due on the 1st June.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS NOW DUE:

Members will be aware that membership renewal fees of \$30.00 became payable as at the 1st June this year. To date, a good number have completed their renewals, but disappointingly an even larger number have failed to do so. Please keep in mind the benefits that come from being a member of this rapidly growing group. With the proposed development of our own club facilities at Yandina becoming closer to reality, I believe that it is truly an exciting time to be a member.

I urge those who have not yet renewed their memberships to do so without delay.

Bill Spencer (Treasurer)

Club Account Details: *Bank of Queensland*

BSB: 124 042 **Account Number:** 2246 9905

Account Name *Sunshine Coast Beekeepers Inc.*

Reference: *Your Surname*

(**OR:** Left click on this link: <https://www.sunshinecoastbeekeepersinc.org.au/>)

STOP PRESS: (from the Weekend Australian Magazine)

WHAT IS IT? A range of drinks that'll appeal to nationalistic wellness types.

HOW SO? The marketing guff says this "elixir" of flavoured honey water is made with "purified Australian water" and honey "made by Australian bees". *Aussie! Aussie! Aussie!*

OH! ER, OI OI OI. ALTHOUGH PRESUMABLY THEY'D BE NATURALISED EUROPEAN HONEY BEES? Move it along, smartarse.

WHO MAKES IT? Two sisters from a beekeeping family in Melbourne. They look sweet and wholesome—not a Southern Cross tatt in sight.

IS IT TASTY? Yes, the honey is quite restrained (4 %); the botanical infusions add variety to the range.

WHAT'S IN THE RANGE: There's revitalise (honey, ginger, ginseng); Replenish (honey, lemon myrtle, green tea); Relieve (honey, orange blossom, cinnamon; and Rebound (honey, tears, gin). Come to think of it, I might have imagined the last one.

- \$499 per 450 ml bottle, beehydrated.com.au

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FROM THE NEWS' DESKS:

- The ABC got taken in by a false Facebook page!! There has been much controversy due to a fake Facebook page purporting to be David Attenborough's, telling ordinary people to feed bees a teaspoon of sugar if they see the bees dying. This was a fake page, and caused many problems including when well meaning people fed the bees with a honey solution which may be a disease spreading mechanism. The rest of the article is good:

Left click on the blue writing:

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2018-06-25/bees-are-dying-are-we-next/9904464>

- Coles Supermarket has taken Allowrie, Capilano imported honeys off their shelves:

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/rural/programs/nsw-country-hour/2018-07-06/coles-drops-allowrie-imported-honey-from-shelves/9947924> (Left click on the blue writing)

- Another item on the ABC re farmers becoming bee keepers:

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/rural/2018-06-29/small-crop-farmers-become-beekeepers-via-youtube/9919704> (Left click on the blue writing)

Members' Stuff:

Swarms: If you find a swarm: Contact Jeff Ross (ph. 0429 960 300, Beerwah) or Alby Taylor (0418 882 282, Woombye) New bees are needed to populate the Club's hives.

Bees Wanted:

Contact Secretary Geoff (ozgeoff@live.com)

Wanted:

Jen Hall is seeking an apiarist who would like to place and manage a hive on private property.

"I have done this in other states but don't know if there is anyone keen here on Sunshine Coast. I am in Eumundi. In the past I have exchanged 1 or 2 litres of honey for someone to leave their hive on our block. They manage it and it's their hive and honey."

Contact Jen on 0418156366 or email: hall.jenann@gmail.com or: PO Box 44, Eumundi, 4562

*Do **you** have something you wish to communicate to other members? This could be local or global news; items to sell, buy or give away; photos or news from your apiary.*

This newsletter is sent out each month. It reaches all members: email suzyfurness@gmail.com

Or go to the Sunshine Coast Beekeepers Website forum:

<https://www.sunshinecoastbeekeepersinc.org.au/forum>

Check Out our Website: <https://www.sunshinecoastbeekeepersinc.org.au/>

Check Out our Facebook Page:

https://www.facebook.com/pg/sunshinecoastbeekeepersaustralia/posts/?ref=page_internal

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News from the hive:

The Furnesses, including the native bee Furnesses, the European bee Furnesses and the Human Furnesses, have been busy keeping themselves as warm as possible. The stock of honey in the supers has waxed and waned. At the moment there seems to be increased supplies. We definitely have flowering tallowwood nearby so plenty of flowers for them, at the moment. Other than watching and observing, we have been getting ready to give the hive a spruce up when the weather gets hotter. For this purpose, the purchase of a new base board will allow us to transfer the brood box without disturbing the brood. I have also purchased a bee brush, and a Queen marker pen so we can find the Queen ALL BY OURSELVES. We have no bottles of honey left to give away, so I hope those Furness bees get a wiggle on.



Bee Shop in the Netherlands where clogs are de rigueur!
Thanks Alby, for the photo.

The Bee Club's excellent and popular display at the Nambour Show. Can you get involved for next year. Discussions at the July meeting.



Two gentlemen members, surveying the amazing selection of raffle prizes at the June meeting.

What do you get if you cross a bee with a door bell?

A hum dinger!

What did the bee say to the naughty bee?

Bee-hive yourself!

What do you call a bee who's had a spell put on him?

He's bee-witched!

We need more jokes from members to take the burden off Lorraine

Thank you, Lorraine, for this contribution. All members are welcome to send in your best or worst bee jokes.

Know someone who is interested in bees?

Why not forward this newsletter to them?

Check Out our Website: <https://www.sunshinecoastbeekeepersinc.org.au/>

Many of our members spend time on-line looking for beekeeping information. Our website shows the best of the best links that we can find.

This saves members lots of time. It is also a useful and convenient foundation for communications between Club members. Our Club Executive continually adds useful information.

Check Out our Facebook Page:

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Book Review:

There are no reviews this month, but one of our members has just read Coffin Road by Peter May. It is a mystery/thriller which goes into a lot of detail about the effect of Neonicotinoids on bee population. He recommends it as a good read for anyone interested in bees. Available from local library.

Another member has recommended 'Backyard Beekeepers' by C N Smithers, Kangaroo Press 1992.

Send in a review of a book that you think may interest our members. Email to suzyfurness@gmail.com

The next beginners' beekeeping course is: 12th August (9 am to 2 pm)

Where: Palmwoods-Montville Road, Montville Address will be given with booking.

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL:

To book, left click on: <https://www.sunshinecoastbeekeepersinc.org.au/workshops>

Honey and Mustard Salad Dressing

1. 1 tbsp French **mustard**.
2. 1 tbsp **honey**.
3. 1 clove garlic, peeled and crushed.
4. 1 tsp balsamic vinegar.
5. 2 tbsp cider vinegar.
6. 6 tbsp sunflower oil or rapeseed oil.
salt and pepper, to taste.

From BBC Good Food

Do you have a favourite recipe that uses honey?. Email it to suzyfurness@gmail.com

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