



# Happenings

**2018/2019**



## Swarm collection

2 corflute 'Nuc' boxes were purchased for swarm collecting.

Swarms were collected from backyards and front yards Mudgee and Gulgong and a couple of colonies in inconvenient places were passed up in favour of more experienced removers. (Gulgong Hospital generator room, Cooks Gap ladder, mailbox, wall)

Due to the dry season there seemed to be less this year.





## Moving the Hives

It was decided to move the hives out of the shade of the trees to allow the hives more early morning winter sun.

The 10 frame Lang was closed up at night, moved and reopened the next morning. A box was placed in the old location to catch any confused bees.

Sticks and grass were placed over the entrance to 'force' the bees to re-orientate.

A few days later the bees and frames were moved into the empty Flow Hive.

Again the entrance was reduced to encourage re-orientation.

A very successful move over a short distance.

# Inspections

We held lots of hands on inspections focusing on education, hive health, pest & diseases, smoker lighting, life cycle of bees and pros and cons of different hive types. We welcomed new people and allowed them asses to the bees and our collective knowledge.



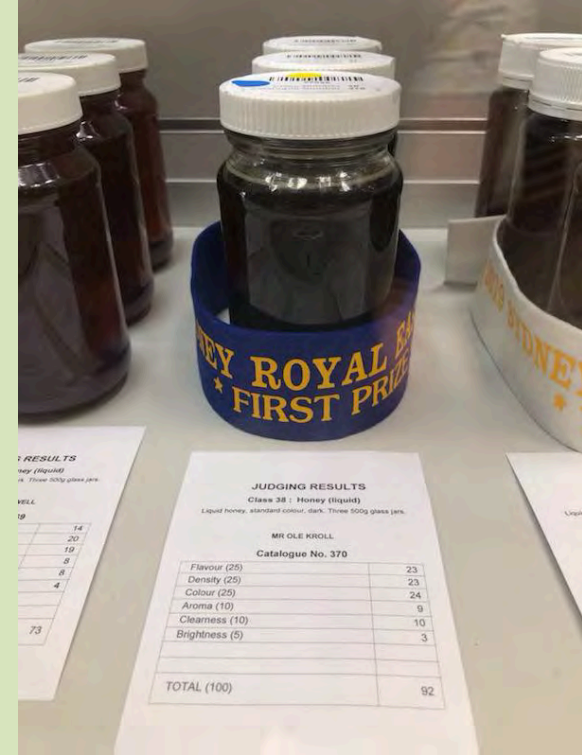
# Show time

Club members again put lots of entries into Mudgee Show with great results. Congrats to those who exhibited and those who were awarded places.

The Club won a first place with wax.

Ole received a first place & Champion Honey Exhibit with Dark Honey.

He also exhibited his Dark Honey at The Royal Easter Show and was awarded 92 points out of a possible 100, this gained him first place in the Dark Honey section.



# Guest speakers and education

Although our night meetings were less this year, they were quality!

With a great presentation from Helen on Wax moth.

Wintering experiences and tips with group members.

Sugar Shake video.

Frame building and wax imbedding.

Labelling goods for sale.

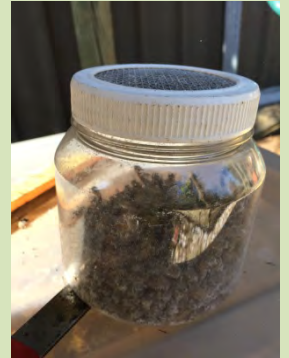
Bee friendly plants for your garden – Tamara Bowman

General sharing of information & ideas

###The Committee needs members help###

We need to know what you want to hear about.

What topics? What speakers? What knowledge?





# Excursions to Lyson Australia (Mudgee Warehouse)

An informative evening was spend at the Lyson Warehouse, surrounded by frames, hives, extractors and goodies of the type that beekeepers drool over.



Zara gave a knowledgeable presentation of the Lyson goods and showed us stuff we didn't even know we needed.

It was fantastic to see just a small portion of the Lyson range.



Lyson also gave the Club a discount on the extractor, settling tank and a few candle moulds.





## Field Days

Again members attended the MSFFD to talk everything bees and sell our wares. We even had repeat customers!

Native bees were the hot topic of the 2 days as was what to plant in the garden for food.

The “Food Tent Talks” were again well attended with Claudia, Sandi and Gabrielle speaking about honey and wax, passing around samples and answering some curly questions about pesticides.

As well as honey for sale we also had candles, wax blocks and food wraps which gave additional talking points.



# About us

In the past 12 months, we have

- 32 financial members,
- Held 17 meetings/activities,
- Talked to hundreds of people including politicians, CEOs, media and regular humans.
- Attained 390 followers on Facebook (up 98 on last year) as well as a lot of shares of our posts, and,
- shared information to 258 people on our mailing list.