



**Amateur  
Beekeepers  
Association**  
NSW PARRAMATTA

# MAY 2019 NEWSLETTER

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## A warm welcome to new members!

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## Secretary's Report – Important Information

By Robyn Alderton

The last Executive Meeting was held on 3 April 2019. As you are no doubt aware, these meetings are designed to 'nut' out all the decision making so that the regular monthly events are kept relatively free so we can enjoy all types of beekeeping fun, information and education.



As a result of the last Executive meeting, the following outcomes are outlined below for your information.

### Executive Meeting – 3.4.19 – Summary of Outcomes

1. When the gate (at the school) is locked on monthly club event nights, call one of the phone numbers affixed to the gate – gate is unlocked at the end of the meeting – when we go to the AG room for supper
2. Attendance Sheet – now located at the auditorium entrance so that Members/Visitors sign it before sitting down
3. Apiary Field Days - with the absence of an Apiary Manager that we remove Field Days from the calendar. Field Days will be organised individually and communicated through the Newsletter.
4. Management of the hives in the school apiary - with the absence of an Apiary Manager – Dave and Arthur volunteered to check the hives and get them in a position to survive through winter.
5. There are five healthy hives - 3 two decker and 2 three decker hives. All hives have good brood patterns and enough honey stores for winter.
6. Mowing/cleaning up of the Apiary a huge thank you to Geoff Peoples and Scott Whittaker for completing this.
7. Aiming to increase the number of hives in the apiary to 10.
8. Blacktown City Show went well. What worked – what didn't and areas for improvement discussed and will be considered for further representation.
9. The club has kindly been gifted a Flow Hive which will be placed in the apiary.
10. Colony Collection Officer position – discussions held around how to fill the vacant Colony Collection Officer position was discussed. Further discussions to be held before a decision will be made.
11. Auction of pre-loved beekeeping gear will be held immediately before the June Club event.
12. Purchase of an electric knife - agreed to purchase an electric uncapping knife to be included with loan gear.
13. Appointment of Catering Officers (2) - It was noted that at the AGM 2019 the filling of the Catering Officer positions (2) were overlooked. Assistant Positions (2) were filled. Nominations were received for Sandy Harrison and Peta Appleroth to fill those positions. Nominations accepted.

14. Purchase of assembled frames – the club has agreed to purchase some 60 assembled frames that will be available for purchase through the shop.
15. Apiary product judging Club Event to be organised. This judging is to focus on what the beekeeper has influence over and what the beekeeper does not have influence over.
16. Club Apiary – the club plans to stock the apiary with all different types of hives available to represent all beekeeper needs.
17. Electrical Testing and Tagging - we have approximately 10 items that require testing and tagging on a 6-monthly basis (items mainly used at Shows), quoted \$5.00 per item. Agreed that the quote be accepted.
18. Purchase a Printer - agreed purchase of a Laser printer/copier which will reside with the secretary for club use.
19. Additional swarms provided to existing members – agreed that a \$50 fee (per swarm) will be charged. Active/working members of the club may be exempt from the fee.
20. Eventbrite was suggested to manage the booking and fee component of loan gear. Suggested researched and reviewed - agreed that Eventbrite is not an appropriate tool to meet our needs. The process will continue to be managed manually.
21. Colony Collection – reimbursement of travel expenses (of swarm collectors) discussed - agreed that swarm collection shall be organised so that local people collect local swarms to keep personal costs to a minimum.
22. Biosecurity Officer position was not identified at the AGM. GP agreed to be the contact.
23. JRAHS – Access - from the end of Term 2 (6.7.2019) the club can use the AG facilities on Sundays.
24. Hive babysitting service – recently a member enquired as to whether we offer a hive-sitting service for periods of time when members are absent from their homes for work/volunteer commitments. Agreed, we do not have the resources to offer such a service however members can organise such a service between themselves if they choose to.
25. Loan Extractor (west) custodian is Andrew Bardsley.
26. Loan Extractor (east) custodian is Sandy Harrison.
27. Noted that pre-assembled/wired frames were a big seller - member (Ben Kirkman) has volunteered to assemble frames for the club which will be on-sold in the shop.
28. Additional smokers have been purchased to be used for training purposes only.
29. From tonight we will allow 30 minutes for a Questions from the Floor segment where members can ask their beekeeping questions and an experienced beekeeper (or 2) will respond.

### **Don't forget – St Ives Show**

#### **Entries can be delivered and entered at:**

- **Parramatta Amateur Beekeepers Club Event - 6.45 pm to 7.15 pm, Wednesday, 8 May OR**
- **At St Ives Showground - 8:30 am -12:30 pm, Friday, 17 May 2019**

## **April Club Event – “Pseudoscorpions potential as bio-pest controllers” with Anastasia Shavrova - Summary**

By: *Robyn Alderton*

I'm sure you all those present would agree that Anastasia's talk on "Pseudoscorpions potential as bio-pest controllers" was a winner. Anastasia is as passionate as she is informed. Remember all – keep a look out in your apiary for these animals and if you spot them get in touch with Anastasia and in her own words 'she will be there'.

Reminder – they are tiny - below is a typical image.

Anastasia can be contacted on: [a.shavrova@student.unsw.edu.au](mailto:a.shavrova@student.unsw.edu.au)



## **8 May Club Event – Apiary Product Judging**

By: *Robyn Alderton*

May's Guest Speaker is our very own Education Officer, Arthur Garske.

Arthur has presented to us on apiary product judging in the past however this presentation is specific to apiary product characteristics.

Characteristics the beekeeper can improve and achieve higher scores in judging and characteristics that the beekeeper has no control in changing.



# **St Ives Show – 18 and 19 May – Judging and Sales Opportunity**

By: *Sandy Harrison, Events Officer*

We hope your honey harvest has improved and your hives are showing plenty of activity and the honey is flowing into extractors. In May we will be attending the St Ives Show and ALL members are welcome. If you have not been to one of our shows and exhibitions why not join us this time as ALL members and guests are welcome. You can learn or participate in the Apiculture Honey and bee products judging or attend the show days and assist on our information stand or selling members honey and bee products.



This year we will be joined by ABA Northern Beaches Club, to show them the ropes of the show experience. They have already assisted with our roster and will be looking for Parramatta beekeepers to befriend and talk bees and beekeeping to us and the community who visit our stand.

In our judging there will be 9 bee product classes, blind judged. Judging will include honey, wax, bee and mead products. For a complete list of classes and detailed entry information please see the attached entry form and fee details.

Show judging will be held at the St Ives Show Ground and all entries will be displayed with the first three places receiving recognition on the display.

## **Show Set up**

- St Ives Showground – Friday, 17 May - 9.30am - 1.30pm - See Sandy Harrison for Roster - Mobile - 0448 600 324

## **Entries**

- Handed in at our 8 May Club Event with the completed entry form (at the end of the Newsletter) and fee/s; or
- Delivered to the showground 17 May – between 9.30 am - 1.30 pm with completed entry form (at the end of the Newsletter) and fee/s

## **Honey Product Judging**

- ***Judging will commence at 1.00 pm sharp on Friday, 17 May and no further entries will be accepted at that time.***

Entries will be accepted at the Parramatta ABA club meeting on Wednesday, 8 May 2019 or at the Showground, Friday, 17 May between 8.30 am and 12.30 pm ONLY.

## **St Ives Honey Products Display and Sales - St Ives showground – Saturday, 18 and Sunday, 19 May 2019**

- Saturday 8.00 am - 5.00 pm
- Sunday 9.00 am - 5.00 pm
- Collect Exhibits and honey products - Sunday between 4.00 pm - 5.00 pm

***NOTE: If you intend selling your honey at this show you will be expected to assist on the roster setting up, selling on the stand or packing up.***

**See you at the Show!**



## Flower Power Event – 27 and 28 April 2019

By: Sandy Harrison, Events Officer

It was the second event at Flower Power, Glenhaven on the weekend of the 27 and 28 April 2019. This was exactly six months after our first event. The staff at Glenhaven were very keen to have us back. They were active in advertising to their customers through their Newsletter and Facebook page.



The area we were given was excellent giving us an outside area to discuss beekeeping. The undercover area was our display and sales area. The combination of the two worked well with the Flower Power staff continually announcing our presence during the two days.

The weather was perfect sunny autumn days. The end of school holidays and Anzac long weekend did not deter shoppers. We

displayed the winners from Blacktown show which added to the stand.

There was a constant stream of interested families and couples asking about bees, beekeeping and tasting honey and buying honey products. Some of our visitors even came dressed for the occasion! (pictured right)

The day ran smoothly thanks to the 21 club members who enthusiastically represented the club and spoke encouragingly about bees, beekeeping, planting to attract bees and lowering the use of pesticides.

The kids were entertained with candle making and took colouring pages home to work on.



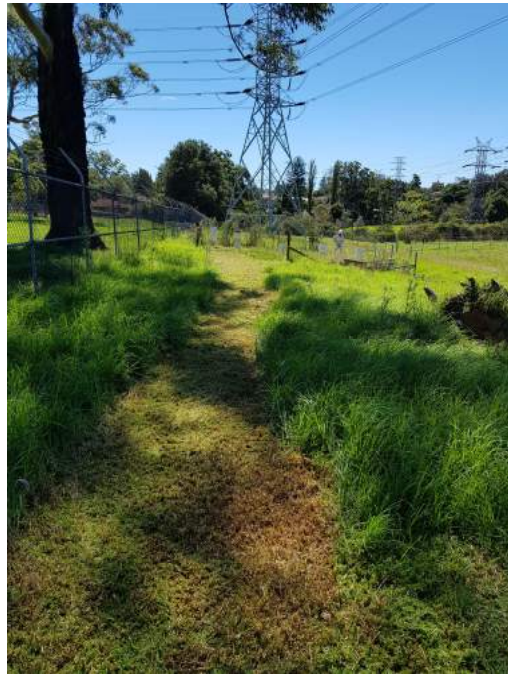
To ALL the volunteers a big thank you for your support, friendship and fun. We all know each other better and can work well to support the success of the club.

Flower Power was very happy with our event and we are looking forward to repeating this event in the spring.

## A Much Need Tidy Up in the Apiary

By: Robyn Alderton

A huge thank you to Geoff Peoples and Scott Whittaker for taking the time to mow and whipper snip the apiary. It is looking 'loved' again. The photos show the work in progress.



## Free Online Training Courses Available

By: Robyn Alderton

Anaphylaxis e-training, link: [anaphylaxis.ascia.org.au](http://anaphylaxis.ascia.org.au)

Food Safety Training, link: [sutherlandshire.imalert.com.au](http://sutherlandshire.imalert.com.au)

Do you know of other 'free' training courses that other members may be interested in completing? If yes, send the details to [parramatta.secretary@beekeepers.asn.au](mailto:parramatta.secretary@beekeepers.asn.au)

## Who or what is Col Pulling?

Coordinated by: Robyn Alderton

Col Pulling was a veteran of World War II, Gallipoli, France and later, India and a beekeeper.

He saw the need for an organisation of amateurs because of perceived unwelcoming indifference by commercial beekeepers.

Col Guy Pulling, was keen to unify the various aspects of beekeeping and formed a group in 1954 known as the "Amateur Beekeepers' Association of NSW." He conducted practical demonstrations at his apiary near his home at Turramurra. So many more people are interested in bees that the membership of the Amateur Beekeepers' Association of NSW has risen in the present decade from a few hundred to some 2000.



The fledgling association thrived, with members engaged in honey production, queen breeding, and teaching.

By 1961, there were so many actively interested people who travelled significant distances to attend club activities that self-sustaining branches were formed.

Parramatta was one of those Branches.

For many years now there has been much healthy competition between Branches and this year is no exception.

The 2019 Col Pulling Competition will form part of the ABA AGM held on 7, 8 and 9 June 2019 at Western Sydney University, Hawkesbury Campus, Richmond. Over the past years many Parramatta members have

not been able to attend because of a clash with the St Ives Show. No clash this year so now is your opportunity to attend and compete.

Our **club** participates each year and has been **successful** 8 times since 1988 with the most recent win being last year. Help us with a back-to-back win.

We need to **defend** our **title** and we will do that **with your help!**

Categories have changed and member participation is encouraged for many of the categories.

| THE AMATEUR BEE KEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NSW. INC. |                 |
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| THE COL. PULLING AWARD                            |                 |
| 1988  | CENTRAL COAST   |
| 1989  | ILLAWARRA       |
| 1990  | ILLAWARRA       |
| 1991  | CENTRAL COAST   |
| 1992  | PARRAMATTA      |
| 1993  | MACARTHUR       |
| 1994  | ILLAWARRA       |
| 1995  | ILLAWARRA       |
| 1996  | ILLAWARRA       |
| 1997  | ILLAWARRA       |
| 1998  | ILLAWARRA       |
| 1999  | ILLAWARRA       |
| 2000  | ILLAWARRA       |
| 2001  | PARRAMATTA      |
| 2002  | ILLAWARRA       |
| 2003  | ILLAWARRA       |
| 2004  | PARRAMATTA      |
| 2005  | ILLAWARRA       |
| 2006  | ILLAWARRA       |
| 2007  | ILLAWARRA       |
| 2008  | PARRAMATTA      |
| 2009  | PARRAMATTA      |
| 2010  | HUNTER VALLEY   |
| 2011  | PARRAMATTA      |
| 2012  | ILLAWARRA       |
| 2013  | MID NORTH COAST |
| 2014  | NORTHERN RIVERS |
| 2015  | MID NORTH COAST |
| 2016  | PARRAMATTA      |
| 2017  | NORTHERN RIVERS |
| 2018  | PARRAMATTA      |

## Col Pulling Category Details - Club Entries

These are the categories that the club will be entering. The club coordinator will need help in preparing the entries - hopefully you can help too.

1. Apiary Products: Dave Wilson
2. Club Report: Robyn Alderton
3. 2018/19 Club Initiative: Robyn Alderton
4. Quiz: Dave Wilson and Arthur Garske
5. Organisation of Team for Quiz on the Day: Dave Wilson
6. Photography: Robyn Alderton



## Col Pulling Category Details - Individual Entries

For the first time individuals can enter the competition. There are categories for all beekeepers. Remember that you can enter as an individual beekeeper.

Here's **your chance** to shine! **Enter one contest or enter all.** Winners announced during the conference weekend in June. Look out for your Entry forms which will be sent out to all members shortly.

**1. Beekeeping Invention of the Year**

**Have you devised a gadget or device that makes beekeeping life easier?** We'd love to hear about it. Entry by competition entry form, including images and description. Finalists will be given a free ticket to attend the conference gala dinner and may be asked to explain or demonstrate their invention during the evening.

**2. Art or Craft Project Celebrating Bees**

**Calling all creatives.** This is your chance to gain state-wide fame and show off your artistic skills. This is a wide-open category -- you can submit an original work in any medium: for example, woodwork, print, fabric, paint, dance . . . even cake!

Items will be judged on skill, originality, visual impact, fit for purpose. Judging panel and a members' choice award. Items will be displayed at the conference and winners will be announced at the gala dinner.

**3. Beekeeper Selfie**

Here we're looking for the best image of an ABA member with their bees. **Send us a selfie** (portrait looking at the camera) of yourself in beekeeping setting and tell us in up to 200 words about your adventures with bees, where you live and which club you belong to. We will feature the best images during the dinner and in the journal during the year. All featured beekeepers will receive a prize.

**4. Best Honey Label and Packaging**

Let's celebrate excellence in honey presentation beyond just the regularly judged criteria for honey. Submit up to three honey products in any type and combination of packaging fit for sale. Remember: **this category isn't about what's inside the jar or box. It's about how you have presented or marketed it to make it attractive to potential customers** or recipients. Entries will be judged on design, compliance to regulations, execution and copywriting. Separate expert panel and members' choice awards.

**So . . . you've got 2 months** to refine your entries to **enter** these **awards**. Look out for entry forms and detailed instructions which will be sent to you shortly via the ABA.

You don't need to attend the conference to enter but why miss out on the fun of the displays and finalists. **After all, there's likely to be a cake . . . or two!**

## What will you submit?

## **Nucleus Hives – How to Look After Them**

*By: Arthur Garske*

When you receive your bees in the Autumn, they need to be fed with **THIN SUGAR SYRUP**. They will feed the bees 24 hourly. If they are getting nectar it does not matter as they can only collect that in the warmest part of the day.

To use a frame feeder which can hold 1 ½ litres of sugar syrup. Remove one frame of foundation nearest a side wall and place the frame feeder in its place. The bees can consume this in a 48-hour period and enables them to draw out the frames of foundation.

Placing the frame feeder next to the side wall enables you to slide over the lid just far enough so the feeder can be filled. Before sliding the lid smoke the entrance and under the lid.

Ten to twelve days after receiving the bees look to see all is well with the queen, she should be laying eggs.

You can put one of those drawn foundation frames between 2 frames of brood and the queen will lay it up. The other 2 frames should be nicely drawn, and the bees will have started to pack the sugar syrup into them. When they are drawn take one out and put in the frame of foundation that you took out to put the feeder in.

The mixture of white sugar to water is done by volume, that is,

**1 litre of water to 500 mls measure of white sugar. The mixture is 2:1 by volume.**

Once all the frames are drawn and partially filled with syrup feed them with **thick syrup** which is easier to store. **The mixture is 2 of sugar to 1 of water by volume.**

Once winter comes you **CANNOT** feed bees sugar syrup because they can't utilise it and dry it out, so it sits and ferments and makes **ALCOHOL** which kills bees.

If the bees are starving, you can only place dry sugar on the top of a plastic cover and the bees consume the sugar and add moisture to it so as they can use it. You will find a lot of the sugar outside the entrance to the hive which the bees have thrown out.

**BEES CAN ONLY BE FED IN THE AUTUMN**

## Skep hive

By: *Robyn Alderton*

Skeps, baskets placed open-end-down, have been used to house bees for some 2000 years. Initially they were made from wicker plastered with mud and dung but from the Middle Ages they were made of straw. In northern and western Europe, skeps were made of coils of grass or straw. In its simplest form, there is a single entrance at the bottom of the skep. Again, there is no internal structure provided for the bees and the colony must produce its own comb, which is attached to the inside of the skep.

Skeps have two disadvantages; beekeepers cannot inspect the comb for diseases and pests, and honey removal is difficult and often results in the destruction of the entire colony. To get the honey beekeepers either drove the bees out of the skep or, by the use of a bottom extension called an eke or a top extension called a cap, sought to create comb with just honey in it. Quite often the bees were just killed, sometimes using lighted sulphur, to allow the comb to be removed. Skeps could also be squeezed in a vise to extract the honey.

The use of skeps is prohibited because they cannot be inspected for disease and parasites.

Source: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beehive#Skeps> 3 May 2019

Shown at right is Sheryl McIntosh handing over to Parramatta's Secretary, Robyn Alderton a skep that was gifted to the club many years ago and has been in storage. Parramatta's Events Officer, Sandy Harrison displayed the skep at the recent Flower Power event and will continue to display it where room permits.



## Sugar Shaker Kits – An Important Biosecurity Message

By: *Robyn Alderton (from information provided by the ABA)*

Due to biosecurity issues – members are requested that they do not share sugar shaker Kits between apiaries.

If you do not have your own Sugar Shaker Kit for each apiary, the ABA has instructions on how to make a DIY sugar shaker from a plastic jar and a piece of wire mesh.

Go to [www.beekeepers.asn.au/sugarshake](http://www.beekeepers.asn.au/sugarshake) for instructions plus loads of other information on the topic.

For more information about Sugar Shaker Month – go to:  
[https://www.beekeepers.asn.au/sugarshake?fbclid=IwAR1CM7WS79g\\_ab\\_Z2Ppkwp\\_Qj\\_k0j5Zx763FVw0XuCzJv5kqRI9NQkeGoqRc](https://www.beekeepers.asn.au/sugarshake?fbclid=IwAR1CM7WS79g_ab_Z2Ppkwp_Qj_k0j5Zx763FVw0XuCzJv5kqRI9NQkeGoqRc)

## **Beginning in Bees Workshop – 22 and 23 June 2019**

*By Arthur Garske, Education Officer*

The Parramatta Club continues to provide new beekeepers with the opportunity to learn all they can about beekeeping through Beginning in Bees Workshops. Beginning in Bees is a 2-day Workshop, held over a weekend. Details of the next Workshop are as follows:

**Date:** Saturday, 22 and Sunday, 23 June 2019  
**Time:** 8.30 am – 4.00 pm, with a 30-minute lunch break (both days)

**Cost:** \$130 per person

**Venue:** James Ruse Agriculture High School, Carlingford  
(entrance is off Baker Street)

**What is Included:** DVD - A Beginners Guide to Beekeeping  
DPIs Reference Book - Bee AgSkills  
All day tea, coffee and biscuits

**What TO Bring:** Your own bee suit and gloves  
Lunch (both days)  
Notepad and pen

**Note: No suitable bee suit and gloves – means no access to the hive opening and closing practical component in the apiary!**

**What NOT to Bring:** Hive tools and smokers (due to bio-security risk)

**Bookings:** To secure your place, go to:

<https://beginninginbeesjune.eventbrite.com.au>

**Workshop Outline:** Introduction and Housekeeping  
Rules and Regulations for keeping bees in NSW  
WHS (reactions, aggressive bees, heatstroke, protective gear)  
Honey Bee Biology (difference between bee castes, numbers in a hive, variety of bee roles, bee hives and hardware)  
Starting Your First Hive, locating/positioning of hives  
Feeding Hives  
Lighting and extinguishing a smoker  
Use of a smoker to manage bees  
Using a hive tool  
Problems associated with moving hives  
Responsibilities in keeping a diary  
Management of hives year round  
Equipment (assembly of boxes, bottom boards, lids, frames, embedding foundation)  
Hive opening and closing - theory and practical  
Honey extraction (process and storage)  
What to do with cappings and beeswax  
Collecting a Swarm (how, equipment and after care)

Direct further enquiries to: (e) [parramatta.secretary@beekeepers.asn.au](mailto:parramatta.secretary@beekeepers.asn.au)

*Workshops are run by volunteers. Workshops will not run unless minimum numbers are reached. If minimum numbers are not reached, the club reserves the right to postpone the Workshop to a later date. Maximum number accepted is 20.*



## PDF version of the ABA Log Book Record Sheet

By: Robyn Alderton (via Sheila Stokes)

To download a PDF copy of the ABA Log Book Record sheet, go to <https://www.beekeepers.asn.au> log in with your member details and you will be directed to your member page (similar to the image below). Click on "Download Log Sheet PDF". Members can do this at any time.

### Amateur Beekeepers Association of NSW Inc

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| To Pay                          | Paid        |        |         |
|---------------------------------|-------------|--------|---------|
| Optional Extras                 | Description | Amount | Pay now |
| 2019 ABA Log Book by mail       |             |        |         |
| 2019 Insurance - 1 to 100 hives |             |        |         |
| Swarm collector                 |             |        |         |
| No money due.                   |             |        |         |

## ABA 2019 Conference – 7, 8, 9 June 2019

By: the ABA



*The Art and Science of Beekeeping.*

*Refer to the conference details outlined in the ABA February/March 2019 Newsletter or for more information and to make your booking, go to:*

<https://aba2019.beekeepers.asn.au/en/>

*Weekend Conference Ticket details:*

- *Bee club members \$100*
- *General \$120*
- *3 course gala dinner \$95*

## Club T-shirts and Caps – ‘do you have the look’?

By Sandy Harrison, Events Officer

Woohoo! Check out our very own Stores Officer, modelling our new branded t-shirt and cap.

You too, can ‘get the look’ for:

T-shirt: \$33, Cap: \$7 or \$40 for the lot!

Initial stocks have depleted, to meet the demand to ‘get the look’, further stocks have arrived.

**Volunteers, representing the Club, at Shows/Events, are encouraged to purchase a t-shirt and cap.**



## Shop Opening times

The Club Shop is open for business prior to most club event nights only. Opening between 5.45 pm and 7.15 pm sharp.

Shop space is very limited, please queue outside the shop and await your turn to be served.

Your patience is appreciated.

For all shop enquiries, please contact: Lod Porretta  
[parramatta.stores@beekeepers.asn.au](mailto:parramatta.stores@beekeepers.asn.au)



## Online Club Diary of Events

No need to fumble for your latest newsletter to find the details of upcoming Parramatta Amateur Beekeeper Club events, the club’s calendar is now available online – just check the Parramatta page at the ABA website or click on the following line to scroll through the calendar.

<https://goo.gl/i4q87x>.

| Today | ◀   | ▶                | Print | Week | Month         | Agenda        |
|-------|-----|------------------|-------|------|---------------|---------------|
| Mon   | Tue | Wed              | Thu   | Fri  | Sat           | Sun           |
| 29    | 30  | May 1<br>6pm Par | 2     | 3    | 4             | 5             |
| 6     | 7   | 8<br>7:30pm f    | 9     | 10   | 11            | 12            |
| 13    | 14  | 15               | 16    | 17   | 18<br>St Ives | 19<br>St Ives |
| 20    | 21  | 22               | 23    | 24   | 25            | 26            |
| 27    | 28  | 29               | 30    | 31   | Jun 1         | 2             |

## Calendar 2019 or go to <https://goo.gl/i4q87x>

| Date                                   | Event  | Feature/Comment   |
|--|--|---|
| 1 May                                  | 6.00 pm Executive Meeting  | Carlingford Bowling Club  |
| 8 May                                  | 7.30 pm Parramatta Club Event  | Club Event Speaker/Feature – Arthur Garske<br>Apiary product judging – as a beekeeper what you have control over and what you don't   |
| 17, 18, 19 May                         | St Ives Show   | Agricultural Show Event   |
| 5 June                                 | 6.00 pm Executive Meeting  | Carlingford Bowling Club  |
| 8, 9, 10 June                          | ABA Conference, The Art and Science of Bees (event includes the ABA AGM and Col Pulling Competition) | Western Sydney University, Hawkesbury Campus, Richmond, NSW<br>For more information:<br><a href="https://aba2019.beekeepers.asn.au/en/">https://aba2019.beekeepers.asn.au/en/</a> |
| 12 June                                | 7.30 pm Parramatta Club Event  | Club Event Speaker and Feature – Norm Webb – 'Making Creamed Honey'   |
| 3 July (TBC)                           | 6.00 pm Executive Meeting  | Carlingford Bowling Club  |
| 17 July<br>(3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday) | 6.00 pm Parramatta Club Event  | Feature: Christmas in July Event  |
| 7 August                               | 6.00 pm Executive Meeting  | Carlingford Bowling Club  |
| 14 August                              | 7.30 pm Parramatta Club Event  | Club Event Speaker/Feature TBC  |
| 4 September                            | 6.00 pm Executive Meeting  | Carlingford Bowling Club  |
| 11 September                           | 7.30 pm Parramatta Club Event  | Club Event Speaker and Feature – Norm Webb – 'Swarms and their Impact in Residential Suburbs'   |
| 2 October                              | 6.00 pm Executive Meeting  | Carlingford Bowling Club  |
| 9 October                              | 7.30 pm Parramatta Club Event  | Club Event Speaker/Feature TBC  |
| 12 October                             | Total Beekeepers' 40 <sup>th</sup> Annual Field Day  | A free event for beekeepers and beekeepers-to-be, Total College, 815 Total Road, Paterson   |
| November                               | Parramatta City Council Foundation Day   | Date TBA  |
| 6 November                             | 6.00 pm Executive Meeting  | Carlingford Bowling Club  |
| 13 November                            | 7.30 pm Parramatta Club Event  | Club Event Speaker/Feature TBC  |
| 16 and 17 November                     | Flower Power   | Date TBC  |
| 4 December                             | 6.00 pm Executive Meeting  | Carlingford Bowling Club  |
| 11 December                            | 6.00 pm Parramatta Club Event  | Feature: Christmas Event  |

Please note: Apiary Field Days - with the absence of an Apiary Manager, Field Days will be organised individually and communicated through the Newsletter and the on-line calendar as and when they are organised.

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# APICULTURE SCHEDULE – ST IVES SHOW 2019

ST IVES SHOWGROUND, 18 – 19 MAY 2019



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This years Apiculture products such as honey and beeswax will be displayed and judged at the St Ives Show. The display and judging will be coordinated by the Parramatta Branch of the Amateur Beekeepers Association of NSW.

## ENTRIES:

- No more than two entries from one competitor for any one class.
- A Fee of \$2.00 is to be charged for each entry.
- Certificates will be awarded for First, Second and Third in each class.
- Entries will be accepted at the Parramatta ABA club meeting on Wednesday, 8 May 2019 or at the Showground, Friday, 17 May between 8.30 am and 12.30 pm ONLY.
- Judging will commence at 1.00 pm sharp on Friday, 17 May and no further entries will be accepted at that time.
- Entries must be collected from the Show between 5 pm and 6 pm on Sunday, 19 May 2019.
- Entries should have been produced since June 2018.
- Entries will be on display over the period of the show.
- For honey entries three standard 500 gm glass jars with your selected 4-digit\* ID number on the bottom of each are required.

## CLASSES:

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| 1. Liquid Honey, Very Light - 3x500 gm jars (0-15 Pfund)         | 9. Beeswax - candles – natural colour, moulded x 2 Candles                                  |
| 2. Liquid Honey, Light – 3 x 500 gm jars (16-34 Pfund)           | 10. Beeswax – dipped candles – natural colour – less than 3 cm diameter x 2 candles         |
| 3. Liquid Honey, Medium - 3 x 500 gm jars (35-59 Pfund)          | 11. Beeswax – moulds – natural colour – 2 moulds  |
| 4. Liquid Honey, Dark - 3 x 500 gm jars (60-120 Pfund)           | 12. Pollen – cleaned and dried – 1 x 500 gm jar   |
| 5. Natural Granulation Honey (Candied) - 3 x 500 gm jars         | 13. Comb Honey – built in hive – 1 ideal frame - displayed in sealed case                   |
| 6. Creamed Honey - 3 x 500 gm jars                               | 14. Comb Honey – built in hive – 1 x full depth Langstroth frame - displayed in sealed case |
| 7. Liquid Chunk Honey – with comb, same source - 3 x 500 gm jars | 15. Sweet Mead – 2 x 750 ml unlabeled bottles   |
| 8. Beeswax - natural colour, 1 block not less than 500 g         | 16. Dry Mead – 2 x 750 ml unlabeled bottles   |



**NORTHERN SUBURBS AGRICULTURAL & HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY INC**

**APICULTURE ENTRY FORM – ST IVES SHOW 2019**

**Exhibits, Entry Forms & Payments due in person**

**Entries can be delivered and entered at:**

**Parramatta Amateur Beekeepers Club Event - 6.45 pm to 7.15 pm, Wednesday, 8 May OR**

**At St Ives Showground - 8:30 am -12:30 pm, Friday, 17 May 2019**

| <b>Your ID Number</b> | <b>PARTICULARS OF ENTRY</b> | <b>FEE</b> |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| Example –1234         | 3 x LIQUID HONEY            | \$2        |
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|                       | Total Number Entries:       | Total \$   |

*Entrants are asked to refer to the schedule for conditions of entry.*

*I agree that the above item/s shall be subject to the conditions of entry of the Northern Suburbs A&H Society Inc and I shall abide by any decision of the Committee thereto and shall not hold the Society responsible for any loss, damage or wrongful delivery of same.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/2019

**NAME PLEASE PRINT** \_\_\_\_\_ 4 Digit Code \_\_\_\_\_ \*

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*\* Your honey will be blind judged. The four digit code can be the last 4 digits of your home or mobile phone or any combination 4 digit number you choose. Entries must not have any labels and should all have your 4 digit code, attached to the underside, for identification.*