



**Amateur
Beekeepers
Association**
NSW PARRAMATTA

September 2019 Newsletter of the Parramatta Amateur Beekeepers

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To go to the Parramatta Branch Page, click on <https://goo.gl/i4q87x>

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/parramattabeekeepers/>

210 members as at 6 September 2019

A warm welcome to new members!

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Secretary's Report

By Robyn Alderton, Secretary

Welcome to the new and shortened version of the Parramatta Amateur Beekeepers Newsletter.

Regular information, as you know it, will now be stored on the ABA website under Parramatta. Over the next month or so, click on the following link to source information.

<https://www.beekeepers.asn.au/parramatta>



Reminder: Full copy of Minutes of Executive Minutes are available upon receipt of a written request.

President:	Geoff Peoples	e: parramatta.president@beekeepers.asn.au
Secretary:	Robyn Alderton	e: parramatta.secretary@beekeepers.asn.au
Treasurer:	Andrew Bardsley	e: parramatta.treasurer@beekeepers.asn.au

Newsletter Deadline to submit material – 20th of each month

Beginning in Bees Training – Saturday, 28 and Sunday, 29 September 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:

Dates/Times: Saturday, 28 September, 9.00 am – 4.00 pm, and
Sunday, 29 August 2019, 9.00 am – 4.00 pm
(with a 30-minute lunch break both days)

Cost: \$150 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: Enclosed footwear, gloves, (if you have it) your own bee suit or long pants and a bee veil (as a minimum).

Lunch (both days)

Notepad and pen

Note: No suitable attire – means no access to the apiary!

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

Bookings: To secure your place, go to:

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

• Workshop Outline:

- Introduction and Housekeeping
- Rules and Regulations for keeping bees in NSW
- WHS (reactions, aggressive bees, heatstroke, protective gear)
- Honeybee biology (difference between bee castes, numbers in a hive, variety of bee roles, beehives 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 (weather dependent)
- Honey extraction (process and storage)
- What to do with cappings and beeswax
- Collecting a swarm (how, equipment and after care)

If the weather is not conducive to a practical hive opening exercise taking place, that activity will be organised at a later date.

Direct further enquiries to: (e) 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. Course will run with a minimum of 7 and a maximum of 20.

September club event feature – Norm Webb

By: Robyn Alderton

Our very own Norm Webb is our September guest speaker. Norm is going to talk to us about 'Swarms and their Impact in Residential Suburbs'.

Calling all swarm collectors

By Bill Dick, Colony Distribution Officer

Calling all members! Are you willing to spare some time and collect swarms on behalf of and for the club and its members?

If so, please contact your friendly Colony Distribution Officer, Bill Dick, on email: parramatta.swarms@beekeepers.asn.au and advise your contact details and areas you are willing to collect swarms from so that Bill can contact you.

Club shop opening and what's available

By Lod Porretta

The Club Shop is open for business prior to most Monthly Club Event nights. Opening between 6.00 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

The following items are now available to purchase in the Club Shop

- Beetle Traps
- Cleats
- Foundation
- Gloves
- Honey Gate
- Risers
- Uncapping Boxes
- Bottom Boards
- Chemicals
- Frames
- Hive Closers
- Jackets/Suits
- Smokers
- Boxes
- Eyelets
- Frame Wire
- Hive Locks
- Lids
- Spur Wheels
- Bee Brush
- Electric Embedder
- Glass Jars
- Hive Tools - J
- Plastic Buckets
- Strainers & Cloths

Online club diary of events

By: Robyn Alderton

Looking for What's on? Click on the following link and you'll be taken to the club calendar.

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

Handy contact details

Position	Position Holder	Contact Details
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Calendar 2019

Date	Time/Event	Feature/Comment
4 September	6.00 pm Executive Meeting	Carlingford Bowling Club
11 September	7.30 pm Parramatta Club Event	Club Event Speaker/Feature – Norm Webb – ‘Swarms and their Impact in Residential Suburbs’.
28/29 September	Beginning in Bees Training at JRAHS	Saturday, 28 and Sunday, 29 September 2019 (9.00 am – 4.00 pm)
2 October	6.00 pm Executive Meeting	Carlingford Bowling Club
9 October	7.30 pm Parramatta Club Events	Club Event Speaker/Feature 1. Kaine O’Connell, Nuplas Group 2. Dave Wilson – ‘How to Manage Your First Bee Colony’.
12 October	Tocal Beekeepers’ 40 th Annual Field Day	A free event for beekeepers and beekeepers-to-be, Tocal College, 815 Tocal Road, Paterson
6 November	6.00 pm Executive Meeting	Carlingford Bowling Club
10 November	ABA Field Day at Illawarra Beekeepers	9.00 am to 4.00 pm – Program coming soon
13 November	7.30 pm Parramatta Club Event	Club Event Speaker/Feature TBC
16 and 17 November	Flower Power event	Flower Power, Glenhaven
11 December	6.00 pm Parramatta Club Event	Feature: Christmas Event at JRHS

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

Note: Details correct at the time of dispatch however subject to change

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