

Meeting held Honeybee Farm 8/9/2019 - #103

Erin opened meeting at 1.30pm

Welcomed all

Apologies Glenbo, Athol, Robyn, Jeanne, Eric, Sara, Howie, Kaye, Ewan and Yvonne.

Erin ask if everyone read minutes and if and business out of minutes moved Phil and second by Mark.

Erin been in contact re insurance to clear up a few things. We are covered under the insurance to open honeybee hives and native bee hives at times. But must have sign on form and everyone to sign, a must for all days. Public are treated as volunteers on the day providing they have signed on and read the risk assessment page. MRCC appreciated the log.

Film was discussed and majority of people thought it was too dear at \$22 +\$1.95 on-line booking fee. Discussed whether we use it as a fund raiser. Left on shelf, no enthusiasm in the room

Blue card was discussed and Erin has inquired about it.

Facebook discussed - Kaye not at meeting so ask next meeting.

Vic's Report

Landcare 9am start. 40 + people, really to many to gather around a small space, but was a good crowd. as was a fire ban Vic took smokers down to hives and put inside a drum, near a tap, to light just to be safe.

Mark opened flow hive, still pollen in there very little honey.

Triple hive opened, none uncapped even if frame not filled.

Demonstrated lots to new people and extracted some honey.

Nucs had a little pollen, no eggs. Started three nucs, putting in 3brood and 1 honey.

A lady in the audience came to Vic with her hands clasped together, Vic thought she maybe was going to talk about

A super fund, holding her hands like that. But she had found a bee crawling up her shirt, she caught it because she thought it was a Queen and sure enough it was so Vic put it in a nuc

called the nuc after the lady.

Good morning and quite a few children there, all hats veils and suits were used. Bill gave his suit to someone and for his trouble got stung behind the knee.

Phil's Report

17th workshop

18 people came along a few new ones and couple children.

Checked boxes to make sure no AFB, non in boxes. A bit of small hive beetle in 1, 2nd hive none. Other hives doing well.

Ken Neilson came to offer to buy honey from anyone who wants to sell to him.

Derek said a split and induction to be held at Amamoor November 10th, details will be following

Valley bee community Health and Safety inductions

Vic to pick up new epee pens from Chemist Warehouse moved Vic second Mark

Money from range bees is to be deposited into MRCCC as instructed by them, which account is it as Maree can't find it.

Nuplus plastic hives will come next Sunday 9.30am at workshop and give a demo and hopefully give us a hive.

Landcare 21st September, Bill will bring tables and gazebo. Byo chairs and lunch etc.

October 13th meeting at 11.30 for anyone interest in 2020 Open Day. Bring lunch, it's before our meeting

December 8th our Christmas breakup, discuss in detail next meeting

In mail

A person wanting some help getting bees out of house.

Bayside Bees wanting to know about a wax press - was referred to Mark.

Invoice for Glen to be paid for the upkeep of web page.

Log moving was paid by MRCCC.

Two persons wanting someone to put bees on their places. Daniel Young at Veteran and a lady at Glenwood.

Club wanted to buy 2 flow hives when they are available to have one as raffle when needed, as cannot get them when we want them. Moved Mark second by Bruce.

Also need more boxes for Honeybee Farm and was decided to by flat packs and have a workshop to build them so people can see what it involves. Moved Mark second Bruce.

Reg gave us an amusing story about the bees in the possum box that will come later. Tom was involved too.

Meeting closed 3.35

A great smoko was than enjoyed.