

# Valley Bees Meeting for Open Day

## Sunday 11 July 2021

Commenced 1.10pm

### CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF THINGS TO DO FOR THE BEE OPEN DAY 2021

- COVID Bar code: To be placed along fence so multiple people can sign in at a time.
- To do a covid plan
- **CLEANING**: discussed what needed to be done, cleaning 2 bathrooms and touch points throughout the pavilion each hour. Mark will follow up with cleaner about the what needs to be done and get a quote for the job.
- **FOOD**: Shakya asked for an estimation of the amount of people who will be at the day, 1000 was the number suggested. Shakya is following up with a few foodies for the day.
- **REGISTRATION FORM**: Shakya, to put together a registration form for vendors to have done before the day.
- **FRONT ENTRY**: Robyn Bowman volunteered to run the front door (discuss what she needs)
- **PARKING**: Reg, Brian and Bill volunteered, (discuss what they need signs etc. )
- **RESOURCES**: Wrist Bands to be ordered for the day 1200 (Maree ordering) also books, apithor, and other resources for the day. Decision accepted
- **HIVE CENTRAL**: Hive central in front of the stage. Decision accepted
- **JOB**S: Collect safety vests, first aid bag, follow up on signage for sponsors
- **HONEY RECEIPES**: Collection of recipes that have honey in them for a display

## **July General Meeting**

**11.7.2021**

**Commenced 2.00 pm**

**Apologies:** Wayne Smith, Tom Codde, Athol Craig, Robyn Bowman, Glenbo

**Minutes from June read:** Moved by Maree, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mark

**Incoming:** Ancient Crafts, Rare trades Expo October 31<sup>st</sup> asking if Valley Bees will attend their expo.

Speak to Glenbo

Oasis Pastoral Company looking for apiary sites, refer to HQ Plantation for information.

Domain Name Valley Bee, all sorted out

**Outgoing:** Emailed MRCCC and Landcare with AGM minutes and information.

**Treasurers Report:** Maree -June one new single member. Financial details see attached.

Petty Cash: \$100 MRCCC Acc- 4,791.79 Bendigo Bank Acc- 2,945.90 Moved by Maree 2<sup>nd</sup> Derek

### **General Business:**

#### Imbil Show:

Pauline Alexander said Imbil Show will be on the 21<sup>st</sup> of August, and said any members who would like to enter honey that they need to have a big bottle and a smaller bottle for tasting, bring these to next meeting and she will enter them in the show.

#### Imbil Off the grid expo:

Valley Bees has a site, and Bill will be doing workshops at 11am to build native bee hives (priced at \$35) 1 workshop for each day of 6 people.

Bill was given \$100 to help with materials from the off the grid committee.

Shakya said that there will be security at the site over the weekend.

Discussed the possibility of people donating Bee friendly plants to sell over the weekend.

Volunteers: Maree asked is anyone could or wanted to volunteer for the Valley Bee Open day could they to please come forward and put your name down.

### **Vic - Landcare Report:**

The day was very wet but we had a group of 18 people, 4 of which were new members to the club.

To wet to go into the hives so we discussed that we had passed the shortest day of the year and that hives can start to expand now relative to honey and pollen available in the trees. Nuks can be made if all needs are available, example Capped brood, eggs, honey, pollen (Can Combine)

Best for early start - not to deplete parent hive too much.

Once the honey is coming in – can take Capped honey out.

We shared books and went through the biology of bee, life of been and what they are doing are each stage in the hive. Discussed what is done different between the Queen, Drones and workers in the hive.

Answered questions from members

**Mark - Honeybee Resort:**

Nice day with 13 members attending with some new members attending.

Hive 1 and 2 when opened was busy with beetle so we had a beetle hunt with Michael's new beetle vacuum, which worked great we got 170 beetles out of the hives.

Hive 3 Flow is showing the bees are beginning to bring in honey.

Hive 4, 5, 6, these hives are quite but this is what is expected at this time of the year.

**Bill - Native Bees Report**

One of the split hives at Landcare was full of maggots and slimed out. This is all cleaned up now and may be able to split one of the hives next month at Valley Bees.

There 2 two hives available for the bee day

Early spring Bill hopes to have another bee day.

Raffle: Won by Barbara

Meeting closed at 2.33pm

Food time.