

MEETING HELD 21/10/2023.

OPENED 11.15AM

ATTENDEES: Mark ,Maree, Michelle, Alan, Lyn, Derreck, Pauline, Greg, Marj, Reg, Julie, Chris, Rolly, Jennifer, Ainsley, Elissa, Vic, John

GUEST: Tony, Mark, Andrew

APPOLOGIES: Tom Codde, Brian Mackenzie

MINUTES from previous meeting: all read, moved by Maree.

BUSINESS ARISING: Our End of Year Get together has been booked for the 25<sup>th</sup> of November at 12noon. Please bring a desert. Moved Pauline seconded Maree.

INWARD/OUTWARD CORRESPONDANCE: None

TREASURERS REPORT: Was read by Maree , seconded by Marj.

REPORTS:

LANDCARE: given by Vic,

Good roll up of about 25, including Ken Bannister who bought a hive donated by Hive IQ. Thank you, Ken.

Vic talked about changes up till mid -September. Was plenty of honey about but slowed right down since then, swarms have stopped, the bees are filling up frames with honey for the tough times ahead, El Nino has affected the atmosphere, and the bees know it. Bees are in robbing mode so don't take too much honey out of your hives. The nucs made up were a flop, brood was not ready, have given up on nucs for time being, wait till suitable time. Took about 30kg honey. Peter Velinski is doing well after his surgery.

HONEYBEE FARM: given by Mark.

Good morning ,lots of beetle in the No 1 hive, also in 6. New hive (Yellow) was full to top, Julie took the burr comb off the lid. Took off 4, half and 4 full, 4 ideals frames honey and spun. Left the rest of honey on. Checked the nucs, couldn't find the Queen. Shot gun pattern in brood, put it into nucs. Flow hive was full but no tools.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Pauline phoned Mary Valley College to inquire about hall for 2024 Open day. Tanya the principle was very happy to have us back. The hall has been revamped and now is lined, fans over head and the college has lots of tables available to us , and if we give the school a plan Tanya will have children set all the table out for us.

We need to give them a date so it can be set into their school diary.

Catering can be done by the school committee; we can get a coffee van and ice-cream van.

We need to check on insurance with MRCCC.

Two rooms available for speakers. The domestic science building will be available if we wanted it.

Peter Velinski had a bee stall at the Cooroy Memorial Hall in with the Cooroy Wood Workers. Friday Vic helped Peter as he wasn't supposed to lift anything, Pauline helped than on Saturday Mark and Maree helped Peter over all was a good networking couple of days.

Maree explained we need a shed at Landcare to hold all our tools and other things. All agreed so was given the go ahead to purchase it. Will have to be either put on pavers or blue metal base, Mark will work it out with Andrew. We maybe able to purchase some stackable chairs, a couple of tables save using Landcare all the time.

Marj won the fruit box.

MEETING CLOSED at 11.45