

MEETING: 20/01/2024

TIME: 11.35am

ATTENDEES: Pauline, Mark, Maree, Chris, Julie, Alan, Michelle, Lyn, Derrick, Rolly, Greg E, Vic, Dave, Eliza, Greg, John, Carol, Jimmy.

APOLOGIES: Reg, Marj, Tom.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: read, moved Pauline , sec Alan.

BUSINESS ARISING: none

CORRESPONDANCE IN: email from QBA regarding our event times for the year, so was sent and they are already on the QBA web site.

CORRESPONDANCE OUT: none

TREASURERS REPORT: was read by Maree , sec by Dave.

GENERAL BUSINESS: Pauline to have a meeting with Tanya, Principal of MV College to discuss the date for our Open Day for this year.

LANDCARE REPORT: By Vic.

It was a funny morning at Landcare, drizzling rain on and off. Mark, Maree, and Reg were all away sick, so big thanks to Julie, our champion reporter for stepping up and helping Vic out, and Gavin Smith helped by talking of conditions of the bees and weather, it's great to see we have members that can step up and help when needed. As Rolly was working , Vic called into her work to pick up the coffee, milk etc as she didn't want to be left out. About 18 people turned up on the day and a good morning was had. Didn't take honey off as frames were only half capped and still room in the hives. Everyone got to take a jar of honey home .

HONEYBEE REPORT: By Mark.

New gazebo was put up and was good all were undercover whilst bees were being worked on. Beetle were light on, only about 10 found between all hives. Took about 15 full frames and 15 ideals off and spun out, honey was very light in colour. Thanks, Alan, for doing the uncapping. Bees are doing well now, with all the Ivory Curl out in flower the bees are very busy. Took about 4 kg off the flow hive. A queen excluder was put on new hive number7. All hives working well.

Mark to get foundation, 10 frames to replace the one he bought out today. Was decided to buy a hot knife to go with the hive donated for raffle on our open day. Also was decided to buy a box and tools for honeybee farm so as not having to carry them from Landcare to Honeybee Farm. Mark is to purchases 2 bee brushes, 2 hive tools and another hot knife besides the one for raffle and anything else he can think of for honeybee farm. We should be wiping down all equipment with methylated spirits after each time used. Maree to purchase honey containers and Pauline to get 12 x 10 litre buckets and lids.

Raffle won by Greg Edwards

Next meeting : February 16<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting close: 12.15pm