

VALLEY BEES MEETING**16/3/2024**

ATTENDEES: Maree, Mark, Pauline, Peter, Markus, Jennifer, Rolly, Reg, Marj, Lyn, Derek, Michelle, Alan, Vic, Eliza, Greg, John, David

APOLOGIES: Julie, Chris

GUEST: We welcomed Dr David Schlipalius Bee Biosecurity Officer from Department of Agriculture and Fisheries. Dave gave a talk about how to manage Varroa Mite in our hives. Most important thing is that everyone that has a hive or hives please register so we can all be on the same page. Dave demonstrated how to do an alcohol wash, he gave out containers to do it, and lots of leaflets on Varroa. We all looked at the sample of Varroa in the jar. Very important that we continue to do the alcohol washes every 8 weeks and report to Bee123, whether you find anything or not.

MINUTES: Read and moved by Pauline, Seconded by Alan

BUSINESS ARISING: Murray Keys from Sustainable Futures Festival asked if the Club would be interested to hold a stall June 23rd. Some stall holders have applied for stalls at the Open Day.

CORRESPONDENCE: ___Maree Emails

INWARD: ___Murray Keys Sustainable Futures Festival asking about Club joining them as a stall Holder June 23rd. QBA Varroa found at Port Brisbane. Stallholders replied for Open Day in August 2024 Lotza Limes, B+ Positive, Guilfoyles, Foodez

OUTWARD: Sent emails to vital stall holders for Open Day in August 2024

TREASURERS REPORT: As read and moved by Maree, seconded by Michelle.

REPORTS

LANDCARE: VIC: ___Not as many turned up 16/18. Vic gave usual chat about seasonal conditions encouraged everyone to do varroa mite test and report to Bee123. Take bees from 3 middle frames from the brood box making sure you don't have the queen among them. Shake bees into box, scoop a cup of bees into the container with metholated spirits, put lid on and shake for 30 seconds, strain into funnel with a piece of paper towel or coffee filter. Pour metho back into container and shake again for 30 seconds, repeat until done 3 times. Look at filter and check what's come out, REPORT To Bee123.

HONEYBEE FARM: MARK: What he did today, looked into hives to get bees for the alcohol wash. Hive 1 had only a couple of beetles. Mark was pleased with the roll up of people that were interested in Daves talk.

FLOW REPORT:

NATIVE BEES: REG: Had a quick look into hives and all seem to be working well. Will do a more detailed check next month.

ELIZA: Eliza gave a spiel on her HOLISTIC BEE/ INSECT REMEDY. Lavender for stings and bites, BEE REMEDY useful for calming the swelling and itch. Eliza will donate \$5 to the club for each kit sold.

BEE OPEN DAY 31st August 2024 Mary Valley College Imbil

Raffle won by Eliza

Meeting closed 12.25pm

NEXT MEETING 20th April 2024