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- Introducing the Victorian Apiary Code of Practice allowing bees to be kept in urban areas
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President's Report

By the time the June edition of this journal goes to print, the VAA will have delivered its 124th annual conference, this year in beautiful Beechworth in our state's north east. It has been a pleasure to work with a highly motivated and engaged conference planning committee, led by Phil McPherson. The program covered issues critical to beekeepers under the themes of business, biosecurity and beehives. I'm looking forward to meeting the roster of Australian and international speakers and, as always, getting the opportunity to connect with our members. We have attracted over 20 sponsors from industry, government and education. Their generous support, and the hard work of our organising committee, will deliver an amazing conference.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Ken Gell, Phil McPherson, Angela Enbom, Judy Leggett and Rob Kerr for their work on the VAA Board in 2024-2025. Particularly Ken, who has dedicated the majority of his adult life to the VAA and was the youngest VAA president in its long history. They have each contributed to our association, applying their unique skills and talents to our shared benefit. I also want to welcome our new board members Richard Collins, Olivia Ducommun-Dit-Verron, Lachlan Goode, Millie Enbom-Goad and Matt Petersen. They will join me, Andrew Wootton, Tony Wilsmore and Ben Moore as your 2025-2026 Board. We will hold our first board meeting on the last day of the Beechworth conference where we will begin to im-

plement the planning we have in place for the next 12 months.

As the Transition to Management phase of the response to varroa is nearing an end, I want to take a moment to highlight a VAA project that we have created to provide a source of reliable, trustworthy and up to date information about varroa management and broader biosecurity concerns. HiveMeet is a monthly livestream event held on the first Thursday of each month from 8:00pm to 9:00pm. Each month we invite a guest speaker who presents on different aspects of beekeeping currently with a focus on varroa and management. Those who attend the livestream in person can ask questions during the Q&A. We conclude the livestream with a short update on VAA news. We've held four HiveMeets so far and we've had speakers from Victoria, NSW, Queensland and the U.S. The feedback we've received has been outstanding and we are excited to see the audience attendance grow each month. For those who can't attend in person, we post recorded videos on the VAA's YouTube channel. I'd like to thank Andrew Wootton, VAA Vice President and Certified Master Beekeeper for launching HiveMeet.

A brief reminder to our recreational beekeepers that the VAA has renewed the general and public liability insurance for individual beekeepers. The insurance is

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Two VAA project teams recently helped us submit two separate grant applications to the AgVic Livestock Biosecurity Grant program. The first project focused on research to develop a prescriptive strategy for the regeneration of Ironbark forests around our state. This project would be an updated renewal of a 2019 project with a similar focus. That project made some progress but was impacted by the pandemic and bush fires in 2020. The second project submission would allocate funds to VAA to help us expand our work on biosecurity education and communications programs. We believe the VAA has an important role to play to continue the effective biosecurity education that emerged from the T2M initiative.

Winter is the season where beekeepers reflect on the previous season and begin planning for the next. Our state has been largely spared the full impact of varroa since its incursion in 2022, the BeeMax varroa heat map shows us that this coming season will inevitably bring varroa to many of the state's apiaries. I ask all Victorian beekeepers to help keep the BeeMax updated and to show support to fellow beekeepers who have now found varroa in their hives. The T2M website, workshops and beekeeper resources, as well as our community's strong commitment to continuous improvement and life-long learning I believe has prepared us well for this challenge.

While the upcoming seasons will be challenging, we face the challenges united, we can share our successes and collaborate with each other on our failures. We will learn from and support each other. We look ahead to a future where demand for our pollination services will grow, the vital role of our industry in agriculture, sustainability, and food security is more widely recognised. A future where we have greater control over our genetic lines, (hopefully!) more consistent honey flows, and the foundations for a resilient and robust Victorian apiculture sector. Regardless of the size of your apiary, we all play a role in food security. We're Beekeepers.

Lindsay Callaway



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HiveMeet

"Managing mites in Greece"



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Thursday 3rd July, 8pm

Guest Speaker: Matt Petersen

youtube.com/VictorianApiaristsAssociation

VAA HiveMeet is sponsored by B-Qual



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In accordance with Clause C13 of the VAA Constitution, the Board gives notice that it will seek members' approval at the AGM for the proposal that the membership annual subscription fees remain unchanged for the 2025-2026 period (12 July 2025 to 30 days following the 2026 AGM).

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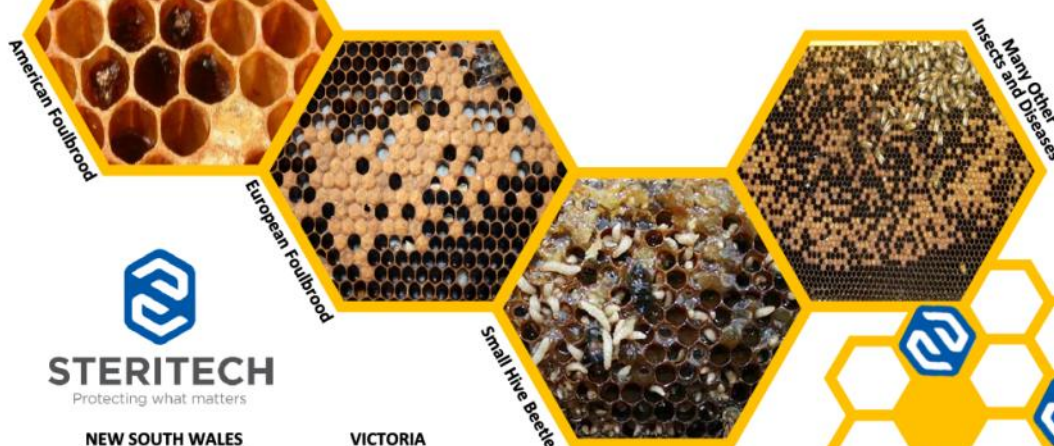
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More Beekeeping Mentors Needed

By John Kennedy

A mentor is widely described in a range of dictionaries as patronage, influence, guidance or direction given.

Anyone starting out as a beekeeper is advised to seek out a mentor, amongst a range of other encouragement skills like joining a bee club or group.

But finding a mentor can often be a challenge.

Most commercial beekeepers are too committed and involved with their own multi hive businesses to have spare time available. And many sideline beekeepers are similarly committed to their own enterprise and don't have time to help a new-bee.

So, I set out to find an active mentor, and to gain some insights as to his (or her) experience.

I was aware of Mansfield based beekeeper, Keith Padbury, because I had seen some of his forthright views in local media and online.

Coincidentally both Keith and I are members of the MAD Bee Group (MAD being Mansfield And District) but we hadn't met as we didn't seem to have attended the same meetings.

I took the chance to meet Keith at his home where he trades as *Wild Hives & Honey* for a talk.

This confirmed to me that Victorian beekeeping needs more of his ilk to advance the cause of beekeeping.

Let me say at the outset that he is a confirmed Lang-

stroth adherent, although from time to time he has worked with Flow Hive owners.

He often finds they have been gifted one and have little to no knowledge or experience with bee management, and success may have passed them by as they had failed.

Keith is also a strong supporter of slotted or screened bottom boards because of the high incidence of hive beetles, and even for their potential value in the emerging new Varroa environment.

He comes from a long line of family beekeepers as both his grandfather and father usually kept a hive or two, or collected a swarm back in the days when a hive in the country usually provided a bit of a boost to the family lifestyle.

His brother, also a beekeeper, is an active participant in the Yackandandah Bee Group.

Beekeeping is in his blood, and when he retired from his role in small business a couple of decades ago he took the opportunity to get back into beekeeping.

Thus, he has spent several decades learning and applying all the basic principles of beekeeping.

Keith now operates ten of his own hives and manages a few more.

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Apart from the portion gifted to family and friends he says he can sell all he produces from the front veranda of his home.

"I have a loyal local customer network who say that they think my honey is pretty good".

As a retiree he says he is happy to talk to anyone about bees and beekeeping.

"But if they want a hive or site inspection, or hands on work, I aim to charge (a relatively modest fee) just to recoup my out of pocket costs like fuel, travel time and/or the supply of the expertise I have acquired over many decades".

There was a strong increase in people interested into "getting into bees" during COVID.

The local Mansfield district has a strong core of part time resi-



Keith Padbury of Wild Hives & Honey in Mansfield offers a mentoring or advisory service especially to those interested in recreational or small scale beekeeping. He also has a local Council accredited honey room and says as well as providing useful advice he can sell all the honey he produces from the front door of his home to local customers.

dents who live on smaller blocks, weekend or hobby farm holdings.

He says, "this is not a good basis for a beekeeping interest".

Keith also rationalised that there are many beginner or potential beekeepers with little knowledge of the practicalities. He has prepared and freely offers a printed multi-page guide headed "**So you'd like to have some bees**" which sets out a lot of the detail from likely time inputs, to all the set up costs, important biosecurity advice, even a planting and vegetation guide, and lot of other practical and useful information.

He adds he doesn't carry or sell bee hardware except for a few emergency needs, but can advise on likely sources of supply.

In my view the services that Keith Padbury offers need to be replicated in many other regional and country centres to assist in the introduction and growth of beekeeping.

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SimplKomb Adds To Package Range

By John Kennedy

SimplKomb, the family owned US manufacturer of innovative comb honey production cassettes, has added new products to its range.

It says in its media release that any beekeeper needs a trifecta of conditions for successful comb honey production.

These are a strong healthy honey colony, a peak nectar flow, and lots of bees crowded into the hive space.

Their new product is called the Honey Bunt pack, and they say it employs the 'chimney approach' 'with ten frame hives.'

The Bunt Pack is designed for cassettes to outfit three medium frames each with three cassettes, and fit or place them into the centre of the super.

Part of the new range are Follower Sheets designed to separate the package frames from the rest to manage bee space, mitigate overbuilding, and to separate them from the regular drawn frames in the hive.

They suggest that a medium box holding the cassettes should be placed in a double brood box hive be-

tween the two brood boxes with a queen excluder either side of the medium sized box or in single brood box - hives with a queen excluder beneath the medium frame and thus the only honey storage option.

They note that in the USA, and they nominate their home base near Twin Cities in Minnesota, that comb honey typically sells for \$2 an ounce when the national average price for liquid honey is around \$0.60 cents per ounce.

"Simplkomb packages weigh on average 5.5 ounces once filled and capped.

"We have seen a country wide market rate sitting around \$US10 per package".

But they add package weights can vary from 5 to 7 ounces.

They add "if you are in an area where comb honey is not readily available, you may be able to price even higher, or around \$US12 to 15 per package.

There is more information well provided at their website www.simplkomb.com while their blog page has useful product information.

Varroa Heat Map

The honey bee biosecurity team at Agriculture Victoria provide an interactive map showing varroa detections around the state. There have been several new detections in central Victoria. This "heat map" is a citizen-science initiative where your contributions - through regular reporting of mite tests - keeps us all informed and better prepared for varroa's spread.

You can [access the map here](#).



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Two New Books

By John Kennedy

Everything I seem to read these days is dominated by the initials AI (meaning Artificial Intelligence) so it's really no surprise that they should emerge in a new book on beekeeping.

The UK's prolific publisher and bookseller Northern Bee Books (www.northernbeebooks.co.uk for more information and orders) is the source of the two newest works.

The first is entitled *AI In the Apiary* subtitled Honeybee Diseases and is a first edition work, a softback of 198 pages,

It comes from the hand of Paddy G Walker, now retired, but an apiarist located in west Yorkshire who has studied at Harvard and now works as a business consultant for notable businesses GM, PWC and IBM.

This book gives a comprehensive view of the breadth of different honey bee diseases covered by their classification, biology, transmission, symptoms, how to identify the disease, its impact on the colony and advice on mitigation.

The publisher note points out that if a regular internet search, for instance, on Deformed Wing Virus is conducted it produces in excess of 250,000 responses which it says, "is a level of response that is not useful."

They note "using AI takes a very different approach which is very complete, consistent and produces data sets which are way beyond the capability of traditional

research methods" adding "AI is a large language model which allows for a comprehensive and complex assessment of data sitting in more than a trillion 'bits' of information.

This book looks like a little more than bedside reading for the average apiarist, and it sells for 22 pounds sterling plus conversion and postage from the above named publisher.

The second new release is a reprint of the 1973 original edition of the text *The Observation Hive*, authored by Karl Showler.

It is a softback book of 90 pages and sells for 12 pounds sterling plus \$A conversion and postage.

This book is devoted entirely to the Observation Hive its history, construction, use and maintenance.

Mr Showler was a Technical Officer of the International Bee Research Association and in his original introduction he noted that "observation hives permitted the elucidation of many problems facing beekeepers in the 18th and 19th centuries, and even today play an important role in the scientific study of the honeybee.

"Many beekeepers prepare this type of hive both for their own interest and as a feature at exhibitions and agricultural shows".

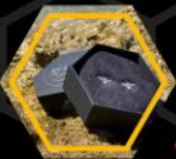
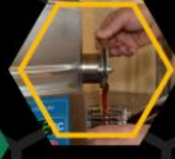
The book discusses a number of historical hive designs and concludes with a construction guide and plans making it essentially a useful source of information on the topic.

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New Products And A New Edition Book

By John Kennedy

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Its latest is the Speed Mark, a short compact tool for the easy marking of queens.

These are sold quite inexpensively as a pack of six, and are designed as straight forward accessible aid to mark queens with no direct handling.

Lorob also currently offers two versions of its vaporizer; the InstantVap an 18 volt unit, and the 18 volt compact vaporiser.

They are supported by sales of accessories including a carry case and replacement parts along with the supply of Ez-Oz Oxalic Acid which is EPA certified in the USA.

The company website www.lorobbees.com carries a wealth of information including several video presentations of Oxalic Acid vaporisation as well as product information.

With vaporisation expected to become a more important control process for varroa mite treatment locally

this information provides a lot of useful application information as well as product reviews.

US EPA TO REGISTER NEW MITE PRODUCT

The Environment Protection Agency in the USA is proposing to register a new varroa mite control product.

The new active ingredient is known as vandescana, a double stranded RNA (dsRNA) which is thought to be highly specific to the targeted genes within Varroa mites.

Earlier, in March this year, the EPA registered another new varroa mite product containing I-glumatic acid, an active ingredient that has not previously been included in registered products for use in bee hives.

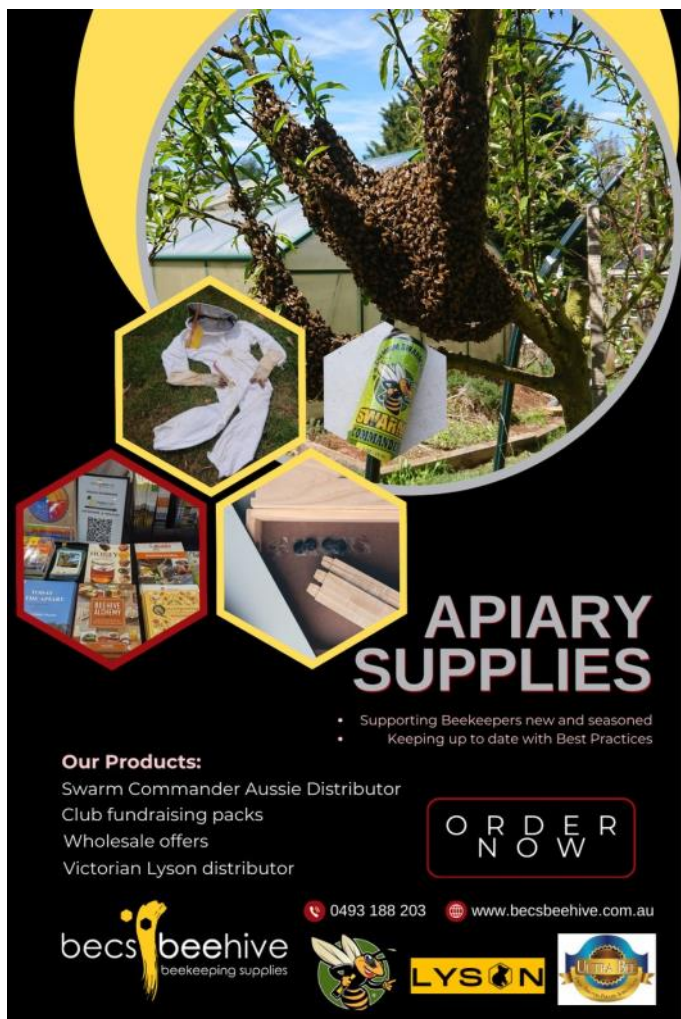
Now it intends to register another product containing oxalic acid, a new slow release varracide.

The EPA is working on four new end use products expected to be novel active ingredients for the control of varroa mites.

All this work is potentially of benefit to Australian beekeepers, notwithstanding the often long regulatory approvals process here, as well as the distribution channels adopted by the owners of rights to these control products.

The American Bee Journal adds that varroa mites being parasites which feed on honey bees, transmit numerous diseases which reduce the lifespan of bees and

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once infected, if left unchecked, a honey bee colony will likely die.

The EPA is working with a number of industry bodies including in Canada to certify additional new varroa mite treatments.

APIARY GUIDE TO SWARM CONTROL

No beekeeper can disagree with the assertion that "swarming is the most complex of the many behaviours that have evolved to enable a honey bee colony to successfully complete its life cycle".

You will find this text in the newly released second edition of the booklet published and available from UK publisher Northern Bee Books (www.northernbeebooks.co.uk).

It is written by Wally Shaw, a UK beekeeper of great standing, and the 30 page new edition is available at a cost of 13 pounds 95 pence Sterling plus \$A conversion and postal delivery

This work is a second edition updated eight years on since its first release.

Wally Shaw says that his guide is "primarily aimed about practical swarm control when you are out there at the hive faced with making a decision about management to try and control the swarming impulse".

It includes a series of diagrams that can be used as a guide and he notes that "swarm control is simultaneously the most important and most difficult aspect of colony management with which beekeepers have to deal, if they choose to do so of course..

All told, this work is a useful addition to the seasonal tasks that confront many beekeepers.

Red Dwarf Honey Bee Incursion in WA

A total of 43 colonies have now been found and destroyed. However, there is still three active foraging sites of concern. All of the current detections are still within 2km of the original IP, but all detections have had *Euvarroa* present. Negotiations are continuing around an approved response plan and funding arrangements but AHBIC continues to advocate for the need to eradicate this pest.

Further testing of historical samples of red dwarf honey bee and testing of both managed and feral European honey bees has not uncovered any further deformed wing virus which is good. WA DIPRD are establishing a technical committee to determine the testing/surveillance required to achieve proof of freedom.

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Distances The Bugbear For FNQ Beekeepers

By John Kennedy

My partner and I always try to get away for a week (at the onset of crisp winter mornings in the south!) to Far North Queensland, usually with Port Douglas as the target for a week or so.

I have always admired and enjoyed the dark delectable rainforest honeys derived from the masses of local vegetation.

There is also an objective to track down an interesting local beekeeper for an insight story into his (or her) local beekeeping experience.

Last month at the giant Sunday market in Port Douglas I met Neil Robson, a local sidelinier beekeeper running about forty productive hives, operating his own extraction plant (he tends to buy in honey filled frames from other local beekeepers) and he says he can sell virtually everything he produces at various market stalls.

He does seven of these a month involving round trips of about 250 kilometres from his hometown base of Mareeba.

I noted that Neil, who trades as Sunny Honey, and other local honey producers tend to aim for about \$20 a kilo for their always attractively packaged and branded honeys.

Far North Queensland, which has a strong local beekeepers association based in Cairns, seems to have quite a number of commercial beekeepers.

Neil told me he has two commercial mates locally

who run six to seven hundred hives, while the largest commercial one operates several thousand hives out of Cairns.

The local productive vegetation is bloodwood, box and eucalypts, even the palms, while there is a strong pollination role on the Atherton Tablelands in particular.

I was told, on the inland road to Cooktown, over three hundred kilometres north of Port Douglas, you often see large numbers of hives placed alongside of the highway, or close to the local watercourse systems.

Of course, the seasons are pretty reliable in the warmth of FNQ and in most years there are two strong honey seasons.

I asked Neil about varroa, and he said like most others in this remote prolific area he is waiting to see what number of mites emerge.

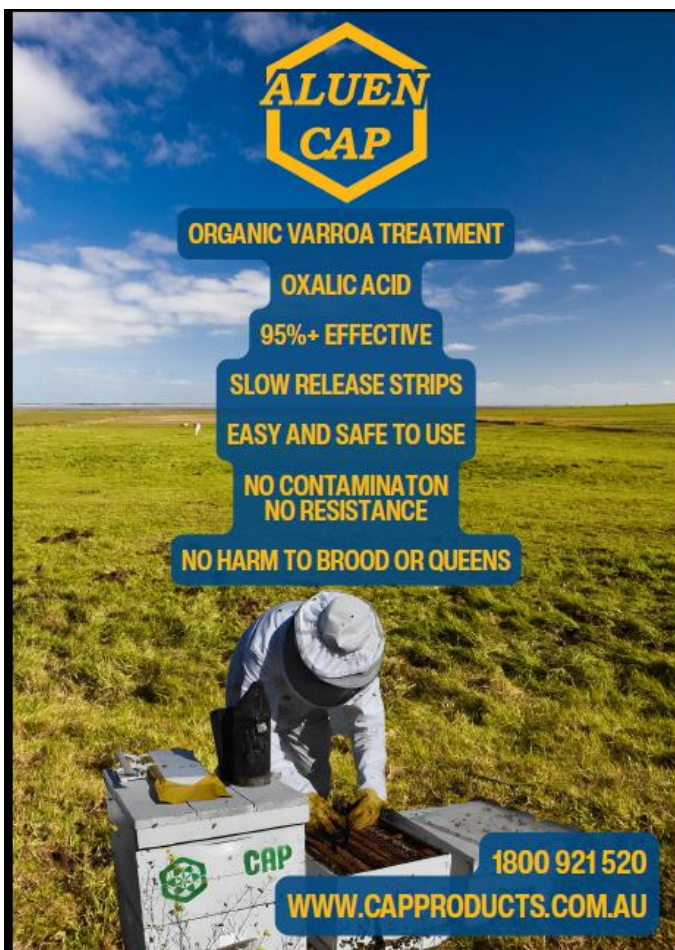
Although I note from the Cairns Beekeepers Association website, they are actively educating their members on available treatments.

But this region has the remoteness with hives rarely brought in from much further south.

The common and universal industry problem here is the small hive beetle, requiring plenty of conventional hive traps as they fairly thrive in the local climatic conditions.

Neil says his major pollination activities are in traditional horticulture or orchard crops like avocado and citrus, but in recent years he says strong demand has

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come from newer crops like lemons, lychees and blueberries.

The pollination season seems a bit shorter with the going rate about \$25 a week per hive, if you want to do it you need to be organised for hive transfer and shifting.

So if any beekeeper fancies a FNQ beekeeping trip, local established beekeeping businesses are not hard to find, nor are the delectable and highly presentable local rainforest honeys, or those produced from along the local watercourses which can stretch a fair way into the western country from the dynamic coastal centres up the Captain Cook Highway, from Cairns to



Port Douglas, or Mossman and Daintree.

I am yet to reach a weekend farmers or community market and not find a local beekeeper present who is always good for a yarn or two about beekeeping and of course several jars of the always attractively packaged local honey.

Photo

Mareeba based sideline beekeeper Neil Robson at the Sunday Port Douglas market. He says distance travelled is the key to hive management, honey production and sales. He does seven community markets a month and sells all the honey he produces to the extent he buys in even more and extracts from other local beekeepers.

Scientists at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service (USDA-ARS) are helping American beekeepers solve the mystery behind a widespread honey bee colony collapse and its debilitating effects on U.S. agriculture. Researchers have submitted a manuscript to a scientific journal for peer review based on research findings that identified high levels of deformed wing virus A and B and acute bee paralysis in all recently USDA-sampled bees. The paper is available on the *bioRxiv* preprint server.

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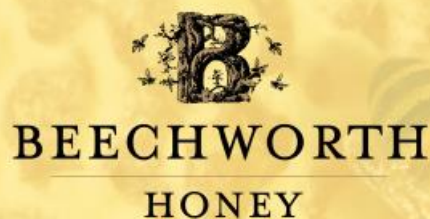
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Bendigo Branch Trip To Warral Maldon

Just as Central Victoria commenced a cold snap on the 25th of May the morning felt Winter had arrived, and goodbye Autumn. Rugged up members of the Bendigo branch were hosted on a tour of Warral Maldon's commercial honey and packing facility by Owner, Managing director, Lindsay Callaway. Lindsay provided a detailed tour of his facility of 12 years, visit <https://warralmaldon.com.au/> for more information on Warral Maldon, the shop, history, products and beekeeping.

As the sun slowly brought some warmth we were shown Warral's fleet of trucks and loaders where Lindsay was swarmed with questions.

Members were intrigued by the AIR Central Tyre Inflation (CTI) system that provides greater capability to access bee sites in challenging terrain and conditions that otherwise would prevent a loaded truck.

In providing context to how he uses the CTI system Lindsay explained trips to the Little Dessert, and extracting trucks from steep gully's following showers where CTI made it possible to get out, saving hours to days of challenges and frustration. We learnt about the evolution in truck body layouts, curtains, pros and cons of the different styles and maturing with the business needs. Next we discussed the current form of hive pallet and bottom board, progressing through hives and



*Bendigo Branch at Warral Maldon
Photo: Peta Dawe*

frames. Warral has practised vertical and horizontal hive barrier system for a while now in order to minimise the spread of disease, and virus between hives. With lessons learnt from visiting American and New Zealand commercial beekeepers Lindsay is implementing different frame colours to clearly identify brood and honey frames in preparation and pursuit of best practice of beekeeping with Varroa.

Touring Warral Maldon we entered through the beautifully presented shop, then we toured through the honey extraction facility with that lovely distinct smell of honey and wax as we were lead through the flow from warming room, uncapping, extraction, and the centrifugal honey-wax separator. Lindsay spoke to the exacting standards for the global and national food standards as part of BRCGS and B-Qual certifications to meet requirements of Warral's national and international customers. We packed out the facility tour with the story behind the Kerry Packer room, best ask Lindsay on that one.

On behalf of Bendigo Branch a huge thank you to Lindsay for his time, facility access and his generosity shouting lunch, which was capped off with plenty of beekeeping discussions in the afternoon sun in beautiful Maldon.

Story and photos by Jamie Trimby

BIBBA SEES VARROA RESISTANT BEES AHEAD

By John Kennedy

BIBBA the Bee Improvement and Bee Breeders Association in the UK sees varroa-resistant bees ahead.

It is offering beekeepers access to a bite sized series of emails as it says "varroa Resistance is Real - and it is Evolving Fast - at least in the UK!" The program will include the latest practical tips and scientific discoveries.

Its pitch adds it is excited to share some groundbreaking progress in the fight against the mite - and the heroes of the story are the bees themselves.

BIBBA says that across the UK and beyond, honey bees are showing natural signs of varroa resistance.

And many beekeepers are observing colonies that are managing varroa themselves and are able to support a transition to chemical-free beekeeping. You may be able to register to join this email stream at the website www.bibba.com although it seems the presentations may also be presented in one file at its conclusion.

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can exchange tips and strategies for protecting and preparing gear during the colder months.

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- Smart seasonal preparation strategies
- Open Q&A – bring your questions and share your experience!

Whether you're just starting out or have years of experience, this is a great chance to connect, learn, and stay ahead of the season.

Chair's Welcome

Professor (Associate) James Doery, Chair of the Melbourne Section, will warmly welcome all attendees.

Join us for a special session with Tony Wilsmore, a passionate urban beekeeper, founder of Suburban Bees, member of the VAA Education Sub-committee, and respected advocate for pollinator awareness and sustainable land management.



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A New Children's Book

**By Melbourne author
Penny O'Loughlin**

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Together, Bud and Buzz explore the magic of growth, pollination, and the power of patience. With Buzz's encouragement and the wisdom of the garden's creatures, Bud discovers that true beauty comes from within - and every flower has a unique role to play in nature's grand dance.

Filled with enchanting illustrations and a heartfelt message, *Bud and Buzz* is a celebration of growth, friendship, and blooming in your own time. Perfect for readers young and old who love stories of connection and nature's wonders.

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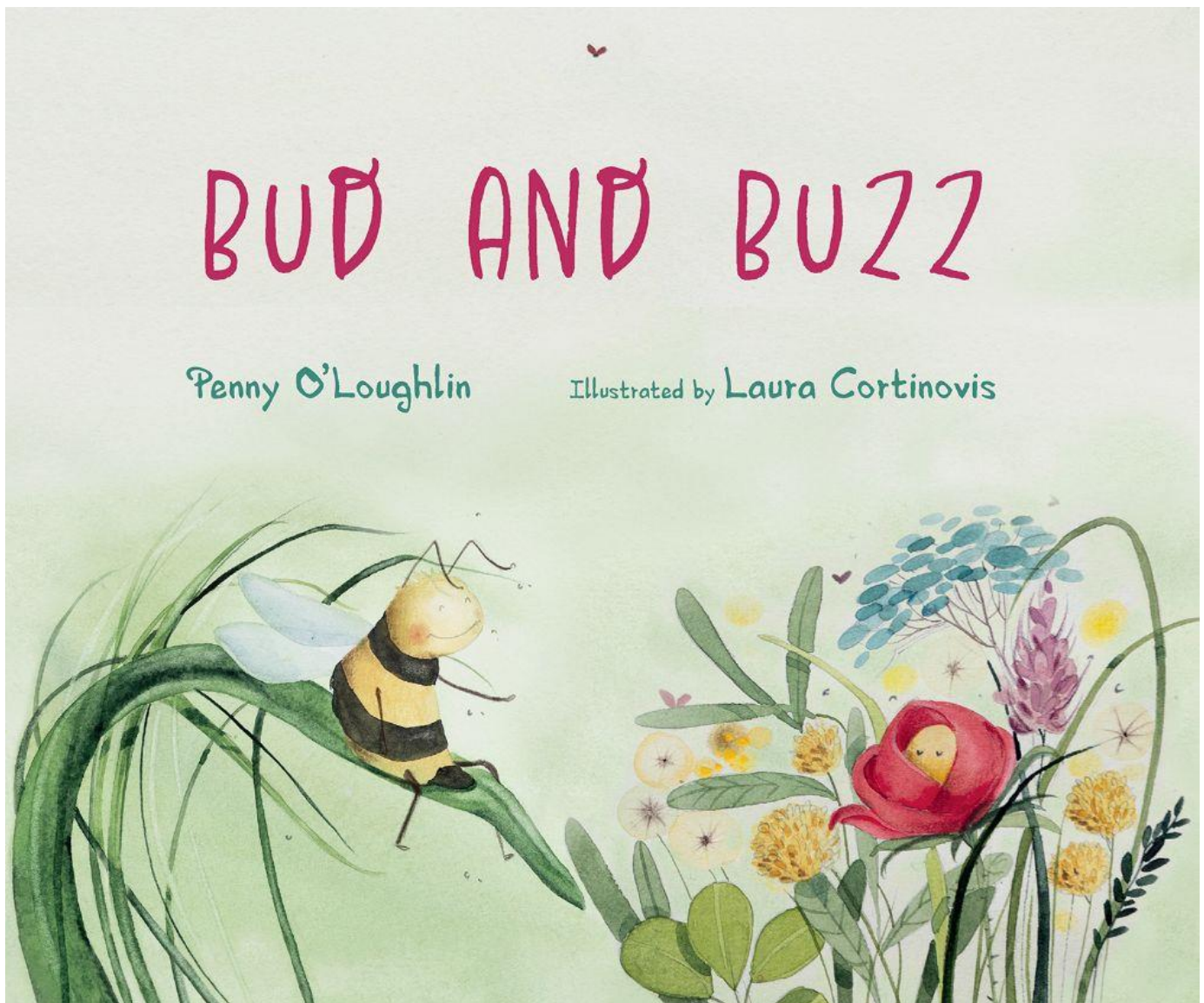
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Snelgrove On Queen Introduction Republished

By John Kennedy

The literature and history of beekeeping has a number of benchmark surnames.

L E Snelgrove is one of these.

In 1906 he was a school master in Somerset in the UK, eventually a bee inspector, and in later life gaining a Master of Science (MSC) in Biology.

In his lifetime he was an active beekeeper and a founder of the Somerset Beekeepers Association.

He went on to write eight books on beekeeping subjects including books on swarming, its control and prevention, queen bee rearing, breeding and introduction.

Only rarely do original copies of his books turn up in antiquarian bookseller's lists.

Another reprint of one of his original works, last reprinted in 2008 has emerged.

Titled *The Introduction of Queen Bees* - it comes as a paperback of 208 pages and sells for seventeen pounds sterling, to which a \$A conversion, plus postage needs to be added.

It comes from the lists of the UK's Northern Bee

Books (www.northernbeebooks.co.uk) for orders.

They note in their introduction to the new reprint that Snelgrove in his original first edition introduction commented that this subject had received only basic and brief coverage in two recent generalist works on the beekeeping topic.

While he admitted to the older and more tedious methods of queen introduction, he was advocating a direct method.

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He concluded by saying "I venture to hope that this book will prove to be of practical value to the average beekeeper and be of interest to the scientific student and teacher of beekeeping: that it will be regarded as filling a void in beekeeping literature".

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2025 VAA Board Elections

Returning Officer Announcement

Nominations for the VAA Board closed on 7th May 2025. There were seven positions to fill on the board.

As the VAA's Returning Officer, I am writing to inform VAA members that I received seven nominations to fill these places. Therefore I declare the following members are to take position on the VAA Board commencing at the end of this year's Annual General Meeting on 12th June 2025:

Richard Collins
Olivia Ducommon-Dit-Verron
Millie Enbom-Goad
Lachlan Goode
Ben Moore

Matthew Petersen
Andrew Wootton

On 16th April, I communicated that the following members were appointed to the board:

Melbourne Section: Tony Wilsmore
Bendigo Branch: Lindsay Callaway

These nine members will form the 2025-2026 VAA Board.

Kind regards,
Angelique Perry
VAA Returning Officer
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BEETRICE

A Poem by *EDWINA SMITH*

Beetrice is all abuzz
A busy buzzing bee
Busy as a bee can be
Her home inside a tree
Shall we look and see
What she really does?
The busy bee she needs to be
Aside from all the buzz

Deep within the hive
She works her busy legs
Taking care of 'Queenie'
While she lays more eggs
Lots of little larvae
Needing to be fed
Making sure each one has
A share of sweet bee bread

Working waxy wonders
Rooms with walls of six
Holding strong for so long
There's no need for sticks
A fussy, clever cleaner
She keeps a spotless home
Life's such a buzz within
Her world of honeycomb

But beware of Beetrice
Best to let her be
Show respect for her place
A home inside that tree
Should it be disturbed
The hive a bee defends
She's got quite a sting
And so have all her friends

Lots to do in Summer
Young ones can't get hot
Busy Beetrice fans her wings
Or else they'll lose the lot
United with her sisters
Workers make a breeze
Cooling down bees to be
Together done with ease

Foraging for nectar
Changing it to honey
On the wing from dawn to dusk
While the days are sunny
Visiting the flowers
Beetrice never stops
She helps feed our nation
By pollinating crops

What a wonderous worker
A busy buzzing bee
Without busy Beetrice
Where would we be?
Could she understand
What bees do for us?
She's probably too busy now
Too busy for a fuss

Busy buzzing Beetrice
Thank you for the honey
To have on buttered toast
Golden, sweet and runny!
And for tasty fruit
You work away for hours
There's apples, pears and cherries
From pollinated flowers
We are so grateful
For treats such as these
May there always be
Busy Buzzing bees!

E.S.
June 18th 2024

AHBIC CEO Report

2026 Bee Congress Cancellation

The AHBIC board has been meeting regularly to discuss the state of the industry. In recognition of the extremely tough conditions for beekeepers the AHBIC board has had to make the tough decision to cancel the 2026 congress which was scheduled for Adelaide. This decision was not taken lightly but is reflective of the pressures on industry currently.

The board considerations to cancel the congress included financial risk, reputational risk and the current sentiment of key sponsors and trade exhibitors. Concerns about beekeepers' ability to be able to attend and the potential for reduced delegates also weighed heavily on the decision.

AHBIC 2025 AGM

This year the AHBIC Annual General Meeting will be held in Adelaide alongside the SAAA conference will be held on the 4th July at Murray Bridge with the AHBIC AGM being held on the 5th July a bit closer to the airport, at the Marion Hotel.

Imported Honey Subcommittee

The Chair of the subcommittee and I have been meeting monthly with DAFF to progress the imported honey issue. Earlier this month Jon Lockwood, Lindsay Callaway and I held a half-day workshop with the federal department in Canberra to deep dive on the industry issues.

The productive workshop has resulted in several outcomes and action items for us to work on. It was

great to hear from DAFF that they have taken our off the shelf honey product testing results and are working with National Measurement Institute to review the current testing protocols with the aim of strengthening them. Strengthening the testing protocols will be pivotal in enabling AHBIC and government to pursue honeys that fail the testing. At the moment most honeys we have tested that have failed our testing, are still passing the current DAFF protocols, which frustratingly, is limiting our collective ability to conduct any decisive action towards it.

We are excited about the strong relationship we have built with DAFF and we are expecting some tangible action around imported honey in the coming months. Doing anything with government at this scale can seem slow but we feel we are getting closer to good outcomes.

Varroa Treatments

We continue to meet with manufacturers and researchers from Australian and around the globe to support opening up opportunities for new products to market, with a specific focus on effective non-synthetic alternatives. There are products on the horizon that are looking promising but it will be sometime before they are available. Some of the novel control products we are watching include double-stranded RNA technology, fungal control options, botanical control options and biological control solutions.

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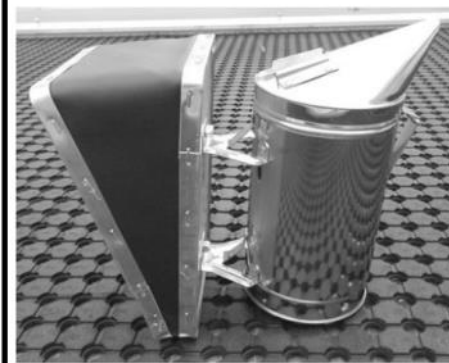




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