



Beekeepers Society of South Australia Inc.

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Agenda #86

General Meeting

Monday the 8th of November 2021

Burnside Community Hall

401 Greenhill Rd, Tusmore

On Kurna land

7.30pm – 9.30pm

'Beeginners' Session presented by **John Silverblade and Ulrich Schade**, commenced at **6.30pm – 7.30pm.**

'Intermediate' Beekeeping presented by **Roy Frisby-Smith and Grant Gotley**, with **Phil De Courcey**, commenced at **6.30pm – 7.30pm.**

Attendees are requested to please register their intent to attend at <https://bssa.wildapricot.org/> before the meeting.

1. Meeting opened at **7.30pm**
2. **Welcome and apologies:** Members are reminder to please provide name and details for our sign in sheets, please scan the QR code and remember social distancing.
3. **Apologies:** Ullrich Schade, Adrian Makarowsky Jim Davidson, Sandra Ullrich, Sue Speck, Brian Todd, Russell Hodson and Bob Beer.
4. **Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes 11th October 2021**
Mover: Serina Biddle Seconder: Josh D'Ambrosio Carried: Yes
5. **Susan Lonie** presented the **President's report**
Thank you to those who volunteered at Sophie's patch.
6. **Trisha Blanks** presented the **Secretary's report**
Outlined our options for Christmas dinner.
Dinner at the hall; Christmas meeting will be a roast followed by a brief meeting. An invitation will be sent out.

7. **Librarian's report:** Aphrodite acting - nil to report

8. **Business Arising from Committee Meeting 25th October 2021:**

Trevor Greenfield discussed two new bee training courses being considered for next year; the implications and costs. A basic beekeeping skill class for hobbyist beekeepers and an advanced beekeeping course that results in a certificate 3.

8. **Guest Topic:** - Michael Stedman from PIRSA spoke about fire safety and basic fire safety requirements. Smokers can be used during fire danger season with the intent you light the fuel inside the smoker. It is recommended to look at your bees on total fire ban days only in emergency cases. It is also recommended to carry a fire extinguisher out in country settings; make sure it is maintained and checked regularly to ensure insurance cover. Michael suggested more water around hives; bees drink up to 4 litres of water on 40 degree days.

9. **Strictly Beekeeping:**

Rossi and Len spoke about Honey harvesting

- *Have the bees got enough honey for themselves to last until they have honey coming in again?*
- Rossi suggested clearer boards when harvesting to remove bees from frames efficiently.
- To prevent robbing reduce entrances.
- Swarming occurs around space in the brood box. The queen needs room to lay in order to prevent swarming.

Upcoming Clovelly Park Field Days –

Dates for Field Days: 13 Nov and 1 Dec.

Upcoming Events –

Nil to report

Meeting Closed: 9:30