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Valley Bees Meeting Notes from 1 June, at One-2-One Imbil Cafe.

Attended: Athol, Pauline, Glenbo, Jeanne, Eric, Vic, Robyn, Derek, Kaye, Debbie, Sara.

Gympie Show de-briefing

Had a general over-view and discussion on this year's successful event.

Set-up furniture

Next year we will talk with Pavilion head to ensure we can have the cupboards set up closer to the stage, so that we can have more space out in front of the bench. Check how much distance is needed to place the cow rails around the back.

The B-team did a truly superb job this year in the set-up, given the restrictions put on by the Pavilion people to have the cow rails and things stored behind our cupboard. But liaise with them earlier next year to minimise this.

Otherwise, all looking good. Thanks again given to all the volunteers on the show days, and before and after the event.

Empty honey bee hive set-up

Suggested we go back again to having a full honey bee hive set-up, with bottom board, bottom box, honey supers, frames (clean, wired, with foundation, with dry built out wax, and maybe even a (slightly sticky) sticky frame. Lid, excluder, and maybe an extra design or 2 of alternate bottom boards. Maybe the lino/fur sheet example for the hive beetle etc.

QBA Field Day 01 July

Conscious of recyclable/reusable plates cups spoons etc on the day. Athol and Pauline to establish / clarify who this is a fundraiser for.

Tea / coffee / cakes / biscuits Stall run by Valley Bees - Deb Brown, Kaye Cheval and Jae Parker. Have extra volunteers to assist on the day as well.

Decided not to use individual pre-packed cake and biscuits. Cooking/prep to be done at Honeybee Cottages.

Need to display Honeybee Cottages "food certificate" and details, on the day at the stall.

One ticket to be given to each individual volunteer / exhibitor / invited guest for a free drink and cake. Everything else to be purchased after that.

Price of tea / coffee / cake / biscuits to be decided / researched /ask people who already are doing this.

Sausage Sizzle Glenbo / Athol to order the sausages from Neal's Butchers Gympie - exact quantities yet to be decided. Details to be sent to Jeanne and Eric for them to pick up. We will purchase a good amount, have the Southside Butchers as a back up for more sausages on the day. Someone to talk to Southside Butchers before the day.

Bread, onions, sauces to be sourced by Jeanne and Eric.

Eric to get together a team for cooking the sizzle on the day.

BBQ - Eric has one, so too does Pauline. Check gas etc. BBQ tools.

Suggested to set up Tea/coffee stall and xSausage Sizzle side by side, to share money-taking and refrigeration.

Tables and chairs Tables to be provided by various members, Kaye, Pauline, Craigs, Jeanne etc. Glenbo to follow up with MRCCC for 2 extra tables as well. Woodworks Museum and Tom maybe as well?

Chairs and extra tables - to be asked of Ross H at the Showgrounds - Glenbo.

Cups / napkins etc To be sourced by Kay and Deb. Have a "reuse" opportunity for customers. Recycled spoons, bamboo etc.

Keeping Cool We will have one or 2 large eskies there on the day, ice brought from local nearby Servo, and also a powered bar fridge or 2. For the food, sausages, drinks, milk etc. Evercool Fridge Freezer from Eric, also Howie has one.

Recipe for Conference Amendments to the supplied recipe for the competition, change “fresh pineapple” to canned pineapple” given that pineapples out of season are really not a good choice for cake. Also suggested cooking tin size amended. Pauline phoned changes through to Elise at QBA.

Book up a judge for Cooking Comp at Conference - chef at Kingston House? CC? Glenbo to follow up.

Entry “Entry Adults \$5, Children optional donation.”

\$5 entry gives you 10 free tickets in the raffle on the day. Extra raffle tickets to be available for sale as well.

2 gazebos to be set up at entrance, supplied by Jeanne and Eric. Also partition rope. Tables and chairs to be organised.

“Valley Bees Info and Selling Table” to be organised and manned on the day - for sales of our books, for membership sign-ons etc. This can also be made available for information for the other bee groups etc.

Glenbo has booked up Bendigo Bank double gazebo, also look at Landcare double gazebo.

Native Bee morning of June meeting

Derek and Vic have things well organised for making the native bee boxes at the morning session. Hopefully, each person to take away a box. Not sure on numbers, we will assume 10/12 people attending. Very simply and effective hive box design.

Mead Making Day

Date has been allocated Sunday 16 July.

Sara and Athol to liaise on details for the day. Program will be made up and sent out to people booked.

Joan and Roy (hosting the event at Traveston) suggested: \$25pp, finger foods and coffee, max 30 people.

Glenbo to contact Joan and confirm times for the day.

AGM at June meeting

Membership Secretary position - Derek suggested Lyn would like to nominate for position. This Membership Secretary position would be liaising a lot with Jeanne and Glenbo as well.

Bee Open Day

Decided that we will go ahead and book the big tent for this years event.

Will be set up as the Native Bee Area, closer to the action, so that more inclusive and accessible. Maybe presenters on a raised area, so that all can see. Look at area between hall and tennis courts.

Use a camera and screen to capture the action of the hive opening for more people to view. Have a “Shadow Box” area in tent for clear viewing of screen.

Running commentary as well, to explain all parts of the process - allocate a person for this

Workshop Suggested a “Basic Hive Making” workshop run at our Bee Open Day. Set up next to Burnett Bees.

Program Accurate and detailed program made up to accommodate all the days activities, creely available info to all.

Entry Suggested to make the entrance fee / front gate situation a little more fluid or relaxed. There is no real way to “police” the gate fully, and since entrance fee is \$2 and a fund-raiser, better to have a sign saying:

“Entry Adults \$2, Children optional donation.” This way, it softens the cut-off disagreements that sometimes occur at these events.

Robyn to organise and oversee the front entrance again this year, but will not be there on the actual day, due to travel commitments. But she will get together a team.

Policies “Dogs not allowed on grounds” and “no-smoking on grounds”

We will get the official wording on this from the school, and make a few A3 signs at the front to say this, and school policy, and to be respected by all. Suggested that we have a simple coloured tag to put on any dogs that the owners declare are needed ————. Make these 2 aspects very clear and easy to understand by all, and it makes for a simpler and friendlier day. There will still be the odd ones that always try and beat the system, but let’s work on ways of softening these, rather than fighting them.

Check with school what other (if any) policies to look at.

New email address for Valley Bees

OurValleyBees@gmail.com

Glenbo to follow up on use of capital letters in email address

Books

- 10 Bee Garden books have been ordered, and will be delivered soon.

- Final orders for “The Bee Book” large yellow illustrated books still to finalised, will be ordered next week by Glenbo.

- Jeanne suggested we order some more of the Peter Warhurst bee book - say 10 - available for Valley Bees to sell at the QBA Field Day, our Open Day and to members. Athol and Glenbo to follow up through QBA and Peter Warhurst, and order 10. Maybe Peter W can bring salong books to Conference?