

MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday each month except January 7.30pm –9.30pm large lecture room Dept of Food and Agriculture, Baron-Hay Court South Perth. Meetings have great guest speakers, practical demonstrations and workshops designed to benefit the art of beekeeping through enjoyment and knowledge. \$2.00 entry covers supper and door prize.



QUALITY ASSURANCE

In co-operation with all industry bodies, The Society urges members to report any abnormalities in their hives to the Department of Food and Agriculture South Perth Ph 9368 3333.

Honey is a food and as such WAAS members are expected to display a high standard of hygiene and biosecurity in their hives and honey / pollen handling facilities.

HISTORY

The WA Apiarists' Society was formed in 1953 by a group of like minded individuals wishing to improve their beekeeping skills and the quality of hive products. Their desire came to fruition following a series of beekeeping lectures conducted by a sequence of senior apiarists at the then WA Department of Fisheries and Fauna, now known as The Department of Food and Agriculture and this happy relationship has continued ever since. WAAS is an incorporated body catering for the hobbyist / small time beekeeper. Membership is available for singles and families and currently membership numbers are approximately seventy.



AIMS

The Society's aims are to promote and encourage the art of beekeeping by enabling members to meet and discuss beekeeping matters; to promote public interest and benefits from beekeeping by means of education and publicity and to encourage the planting and protection of flora suitable for hive production and to assist the honey industry generally.



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HIRE EQUIPMENT

The following items are available: extracting gear, wax melter and electric branding iron.

Contacts:

Ian Beeson – branding iron

0419 049 013,

Ian Graham – extracting items

North - 9279 3338;

Sonny Tilbury – extracting items

South - 9367 2667.



LIBRARY

The Society's library contains a wide range of beekeeping references, articles and current publications for members' use free of charge. New publications are added to the collection.

STRUCTURE

Committee

The Society is managed by a voluntary committee consisting of President, Senior and Junior Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and six committee members.

Membership

Membership is open to all with an interest in apiculture. Fees are moderate. The financial year is from 1st July to 30th June. Pro rata rates apply.

Contact: WAAS PO Box 224 Bentley WA 6982 or
Secretary H: 9447 1707
Treasurer H: 9291 6445.



FIELD DAYS / APIARY VISITS

Dates, location and times are announced at meetings and advertised in the newsletter "SmokeSignals."



FURTHER INFORMATION

Visit our website at:

www.waas.org.au and

www.beekeepingwestaus.asn.au

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