

Section G – Apiary (Honey)

Chief Steward: J. Coy

Honey Judges - Joy Coy and Brian Wickins

Recorder / Refractometer Calibrator - Tom Coy and Adriana Wickins

Entry Forms must be lodged at the Secretary's Office by 7pm Wednesday 24 October.

No Late entries

Exhibits must be staged by 3pm, Thursday 25 October.

Prize money may be collected from Show Office upon presentation of Society's entry claim card or ticket between 1:30pm and 5pm Show Day.

All exhibits to be removed from Pavilion between 5pm and 5:30pm Saturday 28 October or Sunday 28th October between 9am – 9:30am.

Refer to the Tom Pearson Pavilion exhibits pages for additional guidelines and hints.

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Inspector Bee - Honey Judges Presenting your Honey for Judging



In judging, the care the exhibitor takes in presenting their honey for judging is the most critical factor. All honey entries will be donated to Vinnies Food Bank, following the competition.

A scorecard for extracted honey consists of:

1. Container appearance;
2. Density, moisture content above 18.6% is disqualified;
3. Freedom from crystals, suspended particles e.g. pollen and bubbles;
4. Cleanliness and freedom from foam and foreign matter e.g. wax, lint, foam and body parts;
5. Flavour and Aroma.

Helpful hints for jar presentation:

- To gain the maximum points, it is recommended that the honey is presented in a straight sided jar which when filled to correct fill line weighs 500 g (plus jar) and is sealed with the correct fitting black lid.
The jar/honey will be weighed - 500 g honey.
- Jar should be clean, with no labelling.
- Ensure all fingerprints are removed from jar.
- Ensure inside of lid is clean and clear of honey.
- Secure lid but not so tight that it is difficult to undo. • Before submitting wear cotton gloves, polish the jar and lid to remove all fingerprints. Ensure jar is kept upright to prevent honey from touching lid.
- When submitting jar for judging wear gloves or handle only by the lid.
- Registrar will handle your jar with gloves when numbering so as not to contaminate your entry.



Inspector Bee - Honey Judges Presenting your Beeswax for Judging



In judging beeswax, the care the exhibitor takes in preparing the wax for judging is the most critical factor.

The total score of 100 points is made up of:

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| • Cleanliness | 20 |
| • Uniformity of Appearance / correct candle bottom and wick finish | 20 |
| • Colour | 20 |
| • Aroma | 20 |
| • Absence of cracks and shrinkage | 20 |

Helpful hints for presentation:

- Capping wax provides ideal wax for blocks and candles. Colour is important.
- Do not over heat beeswax, as it will lose its aroma. Overheating will also cause shrinkage upon cooling.
- Cool blocks of beeswax and candles slowly to minimise cracking.
- Very slow, even cooling gives a flat topped block rather than the wavy surface that open-air cooling gives.
- Only take wax for the mould from the top layer in the melting pot.
- Strain beeswax through old T-shirt material, rough side up. This will remove debris.
- Candle bottoms and wicks should be finished correctly.
- Wrap blocks of beeswax products, such as candles, immediately upon finishing to prevent specks of dirt adhering and scratching.
- Baking paper is a suitable wrapping material.



Symonds Seeds and Beekeeping Supplies provide a 'starter hive' as a key prize or a series of vouchers, as preferred.

Class	Entry	Apiary Category	1 st 5 pts	2 nd 3 pts
G1	\$1.50	500g light honey in unlabelled glass jar	\$10.00	\$7.00
G2	\$1.50	500g dark honey in unlabelled glass jar	\$10.00	\$7.00
G3	\$1.50	500g cut comb floating in honey in unlabelled glass jar	\$10.00	\$7.00
G4	\$1.50	500g naturally granulated(set, crystallised) honey in unlabelled glass jar	\$10.00	\$7.00
G5	\$1.50	500g creamed honey in unlabelled glass jar	\$10.00	\$7.00
G6	\$1.50	1kg light beeswax	\$10.00	\$7.00
G7	\$1.50	1kg dark beeswax	\$10.00	\$7.00