

# HONEY COURT

at the 2014 Ekka

Friday 8th August to Sunday 16th August

Come and visit the Honey Court at the Ekka, situated on the ground level of the newly redesigned Convention Centre (this area used to hold the Sample Bag Pavilion).



There are bees, beekeepers, demonstrations, information, free honey tasting, display of entries in the Apiculture competition as well as the sale of honey, beeswax products, honey Mead and a Sparkling non-alcoholic drink.

## *What to do, see and buy at the Honey Court?*



- **Meet** some of Queensland's Commercial and Hobby Beekeepers who will be in attendance every day of the Ekka
- **Watch** a beekeeper open a hive of bees and show and explain what is inside. Each day these demonstrations are at **10.30am, 11.30am, 1.30pm and 2.30pm.**
- **Enjoy** a taste sensation. Three different floral varieties of honey are available for free tasting - Macadamia, Brush Box and Red Gum honey. Decide which one you enjoy the most.
- **Purchase** some honey. Available for sale are: Macadamia, Red Gum, Brush Box and Ironbark honey. Creamed Honey is also available (honey which has been whipped to incorporate air, making it velvety smooth to spread).
- **Honey Comb** - straight from the hive: This is a section of comb that has been filled with honey by the bees and is available for sale. This is simply beeswax and honey and is delicious. (The "chocolate coated honeycomb" sweet contains NO HONEY at all).



- **Mead** - a drink made from honey and is one of man's oldest alcoholic drinks. You can purchase tastes and a wide selection of varieties is available for sale.
- **Non-alcoholic Sparkling Honey Drink** - a delicately light and refreshing drink. Come and taste for free and you won't be able to resist purchasing a bottle to enjoy at home.

- **Beeswax based Soaps, Creams and Polishes** - there is a wide variety available for sale, including delicately soft face creams, lip balms, hand creams, muscle rubs, soaps, shampoos and leather dressings.
- **Apiculture Competition** - see some of the State's top awards in honey, pollen, beeswax and Mead.
- **Brands** - ever wondered how a beekeeper brands his stock? A little tricky to brand each bee in a similar fashion to cattle!! On display at the Honey Court this year is a large wooden slab displaying the Brands of some of our State's beekeepers.



In Queensland, every beekeeper must be registered with the Queensland Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (QDAFF) whether owning one hive or thousands. On Registration, each beekeeper is allocated a unique Brand which must be displayed on the bee boxes. The most common ways beekeepers display their Brand is by firebranding or routing. Brands are for identification and ownership of an apiary and most important, for Biosecurity.



**Tuesday 12 August** was a day to **"Meet the Authors"**. Gympie beekeepers Athol, Skaidra and Glenn Craig were at the Honey Court with their book, "Nature's Gifts".

This is a comprehensive, easy to read book filled with information, brilliant photos and illustrations on bees, beekeeping, honey, pollination and Mead, This book is available for sale all during the Ekka. Worth a look, worth a buy!

*Glen, Skaidra & Athol Craig at the Ekka with their book "Nature's Gifts"*



# The Apiculture Competition

was judged on Saturday 2 August.

**Judges** Bill Winner and John Covey and Assistant Judge, Kellie Round judged 100 entries over 25 Classes.

**Congratulations** to all competitors - for the interest and dedication to exhibit and with such high standards.

Congratulations to the following 1st Prize and overall winners:

**First Place Awards to:**

Class 1 - Liquid Honey Standard Colour WHITE: **Ken Freiberg**

Class 2 - Liquid Honey Standard Colour LIGHT AMBER: **Albert Payne**

Class 3 - Liquid Honey Standard Colour GOLDEN: **Jan Flynn**

Class 4 - Liquid Honey Standard Colour DARK: **P & N Geeves**

Class 5 - Novice - Liquid Honey ANY COLOUR: **Denise Workman**

Class 6 - Granulated Honey COURSE GRAIN: **Jan Flynn**

Class 7 - Granulated Honey FINE GRAIN: **Albert Payne**

Class 8 - Creamed Honey: **P & N Geeves**

Class 9 - Comb & Liquid Honey: **John Craig**

**CHAMPION HONEY of the SHOW** (from Classes 1 to 9): **ALBERT PAYNE.** Prize donated by **Capilano Honey Ltd.**

Class 10 - POLLEN - Cleaned & Dried: **Ken Freiberg**

Class 11 - Two Sections of CUT COMB: **Albert Payne**

Class 12 - FRAME of COMB HONEY (not less than 1/2 depth and not more than 3/4 depth frame): **John Craig**

Class 13 - FRAME of COMB HONEY (full depth frame): **Albert Payne**

Class 14 - Beeswax YELLOW: **Jan Flynn**

Class 15 - Beeswax WHITE: **Jan Flynn**

Class 16 - Beeswax for COMMERCIAL TRADE: **P & N Geeves**

Class 17 - Beeswax Display: **Jan Flynn** (Moulded or Sculptured Form)

Class 22 - Australian Mead DRY: **Severn Brae Estate**

Class 23 - Australian Mead SEMI-SWEET: **Severn Brae Estate**

Class 24 - Australian Mead SWEET: **Severn Brae Estate**

Class 25 - Australian Mead MELOMEL: **Severn Brae Estate**



**CHAMPION MEAD of the SHOW** (from Classes 22 to 25). Prize donated by **Marsh Pty Ltd** was awarded to **SEVERN BRAE ESTATE**

# **The Most Successful Exhibitor**

**JAN FLYNN**

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

Prize donated by the **Queensland Beekeepers Association Inc**

*The full competition results can be viewed on the RNA (Royal National Association) website at:*

*<http://www.royalqueenslandshow.com.au/results/> then enter:*

*Section - MARSH PTY LTD APICULTURE and*

*Category - APICULTURE.*