



The Flow

Summer 2025/26



The season to be merry!

Welcome to summer! The weather is certainly hot and humid after plenty of rain events. It is important to manage small hive beetle (SHB) when you are monitoring for varroa

Varroa continues to spread throughout the East Coast affecting 19 local government areas. Western Downs, Gympie and Goondiwindi are now hot spots. Please check the [Heat Map](#) to keep up to date.



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25TH OF DECEMBER

Christmas Day!

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TO BE CONFIRMED

Field morning at Club Hives early January. Come have some fun checking bees!

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CLUB MEETING DATES

21st January, 2026
Club Toowoomba, 7pm



Varroa control

Monitor your hives using best practice methods:

- 1 - Alcohol Wash
- 2 - Soapy water wash

Bee 123: Varroa m...

About you

Varroa mite (Varroa destructor) is a serious threat to honeybees. Please report any checks you have made to the Varroa mite survey. This will help us to monitor the spread of the mite in Queensland. It also allows us to...

REPORT YOUR RESULTS



Drone uncapping

As part of your Integrated Pest Management.

Swarm control

SUMMER 2025

SBKA Varroa Mite Management Workshops & Field Days

Workshops were held in September (x2) and November (x2)

Workshops provided education and varroa mite management skills and strategies to members and non-members. Varroa mite is spreading quickly across Queensland and as a result beekeepers must have knowledge of this pest for the future.



Community Bee Innovation Fund Grant Updates

The first progress reports have been sent by our treasurer Kent. This includes evidence of attendance at training, analysis of survey results, financial commitments and website engagement. Well done Kent on managing this.

These training days have been well attended and informative. We strongly encourage all beekeepers who haven't yet

attended to register for workshops in early 2026.



RECOMMENDED READING:

Some interesting proactive biosecurity measures on Kangaroo Island implemented by the South Australian government. A good read.

SCRAMBLE TO PROTECT KANGAROO ISLAND BEE COLONIES

The essential varroa toolkit - varroa.org.au

Items for sale or photos/articles to be shared in the newsletter can be emailed to Tiffany - tredauslan@gmail.com

SBKA wishes all beekeepers and their families a safe and happy Christmas!