

# SECTION 20 - APICULTURE

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**ENTRIES ONLINE:** [www.sunshinecoastshow.com.au](http://www.sunshinecoastshow.com.au)

**ENTRIES CLOSE:** 12.00 noon Saturday 7th June 2025  
NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

**EXHIBIT DROP OFF:** To be delivered to the Show Office no later than 4 pm Monday 9th June 2025;

**ENTRY FEE:** Members: \$3.00  
Non Members: \$5.00

\*\*Show membership must be paid by May 31st 2025 to be eligible for membership entry fees.

**PRIZE MONEY:** \$10 first prize unless otherwise stated

Champion Honey - \$100 cash

**SUNSHINE COAST BEEKEEPERS, Yandina**

Reserve Champion Honey - \$75 cash

**SUNSHINE COAST BEEKEEPERS, Yandina**

First Prize each section - \$50 voucher

**BEE POSITIVE, Yandina**

Champion Mead- TBA

**JUDGING:** Wednesday 11th June 2025 from 9.30 am

The Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show will be run with a Qld. Health safe plan, based on current restrictions and guidelines. This can change at any time, so please check our website leading up to the Show at [www.sunshinecoastshow.com.au](http://www.sunshinecoastshow.com.au)

The Sunshine Coast Show is a ticketed event from Friday to Sunday inclusive.

Access is only via a ticket on these days.

**GATE FEES APPLY TO ALL EXHIBITORS - STRICTLY NO TICKET, NO ENTRY**

**NOTE:-**

- **ALL** Honey entries **MUST be entered into the General Honey Class of 20000.** Stewards will then sub-categorise each entry into the relevant sections accordingly. Failure to do this may result in disqualification.
- All Honey entries **MUST** be supplied in a round 375ml glass jar with a white lid.
- These jars will be available for purchase at the show office if required or these jars will be available for purchase from the Sunshine Coast Beekeepers Club Rooms located at 43 Farrell Street (opposite Railway Street) Yandina on any Saturday morning between 8am and 12 noon, also from Bee Positive 9-13 Harvest Road Yandina, during trading hours or at the show office if required.

- Jars are to be filled within 6mm from the top. Incorrect levels may result in a loss of points.
- All Mead entries - minimum entry is two (2) 330ml bottles or one (1) 750ml bottle.
- Entries must be in cans or bottles.
- **ALL HONEY ENTRIES MUST BE FROM A REGISTERED HIVE AND REQUIRE THE HIN (Hive Identification Number) ON THE APPLICATION. Hive Registration can be done on line here – Registration is FREE for non-commercial beekeepers.**  
[https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0007/377818/RBE-01-Registrable-biosecurity-entity-application-bees.pdf](https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/377818/RBE-01-Registrable-biosecurity-entity-application-bees.pdf)
- For any concerns regarding this please contact the Chief Steward.

PLEASE READ THE SCHEDULE CONDITIONS CAREFULLY:-

**The Show is conducted under the Rules and Regulations of the Sunshine Coast Show Society Incorporated and the Queensland Chamber of Agricultural Societies**

1. Entries must be the bonafide property of the entrant and produced by the entrant.
2. **Entry forms** must reach the Show Office by 12 noon, Saturday 7th June 2025, and EXHIBITS must reach the Show Office by 4pm Monday 9th June 2025
3. Entry labels to be printed out when entering on line. If unable to print, please ask for assistance from the office. **Please place your entry label on your honey jar with a rubber band. DO NOT USE STICKY TAPE.**
4. Labelled exhibits can be delivered to the Show Office during the week prior to the Show from 9.00 am to 4.00 pm. Entries MUST be delivered to the Show Office no later than 4.00 pm on Monday 9th June. Exhibits will be judged on Wednesday, 11th June. Unlabelled and mislabelled entries will not be accepted.
5. **Do not place any identifying names in the Exhibit line as this may lead to your entry being disqualified.**

The ShowDayOnline Program requires

Entrant's name: Joe Bloggs

Exhibit's name: Preferably leave blank or use category eg Clover Honey  
(do not put company name) Any indication that can identify the Entrant will result in disqualification.

6. Quality will be the first consideration in judging.
7. **Exhibits (Honey and Mead) may be collected on Sunday, June 15th after 6.00 pm. Please note ticketed event days. Remaining entries will be available from the Pavilion on Monday, June 16th between 8.00 am and 5.00 p.m. Prior arrangements can be made with the Chief Steward/Office for the remaining Items to be held for collection. Any remaining jars will be disposed of.**
8. Exhibitors must present their nomination receipt to collect entries.
9. Exhibitors are not permitted to interfere with the judging process.
10. Provisions are made for awarding 1st, 2nd & 3rd place in each class. Judges may withhold any or all places if exhibits are not of an acceptable standard.
11. There is no limit to the number of entries that may be entered by an exhibitor;
12. Every care will be taken of exhibits but no responsibility will be accepted for loss or damage;
13. Any vehicles coming onto the grounds to abide by the SCASS traffic management plan. No vehicle entry during Show operating hours.

**PRIZE MONEY and PRIZE CERTIFICATES:** No prize money will be paid out if there are any outstanding fees. All prize money will be available for collection from the Cashier at the Treasury, located beside the Main Office as soon as possible after 2.00 pm on the Friday of the Show. All prize money is GST-inclusive. Prizes not collected by 30th June 2025 will be forfeited. Prize cards will not be held after June 30th.

**DISCLAIMER:** The Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show Society (SCASS) shall not be responsible for any accident that may be caused to or by an exhibitor, members of the general public or competitor and will not, under any circumstances, be responsible for any losses or non-delivery of livestock or entries of any kind, or any injury or damage done thereby.

Persons contravening any of SCASS's rules/regulations shall forfeit any prize awarded. SCASS reserves the right to refuse, cancel, or require any entry to be removed at any time. Exhibitors shall accept the decision of the Stewards/Judges appointed by SCASS as final. The decisions of the Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show Society Committee are final.

## LIQUID HONEY

- **ALL LIQUID HONEY ENTRIES MUST BE ENTERED INTO THE GENERAL HONEY CLASS - 20000. Failure to do this may result in disqualification.**
- Show Stewards will categorise each entry into the relevant section.
- All honey entries MUST be presented in a round 375ml glass jar with a white lid.
- Jars are to be filled within 6mm from the top.
- Incorrect levels may result in a loss of points.
- Labels with personal/trade identification will be automatically disqualified. See note 5 in Conditions.
- Jars are available for purchase at the Sunshine Coast Beekeepers Club Rooms located at 43 Farrell Street (opposite Railway Street) Yandina on any Saturday morning between 8 am and 12 noon, also from Bee Positive 9-13 Harvest Road Yandina during trading hours and the Show Office if required.

### Judging Criteria

- ❖ **Water Content:** the lower the water content of the honey the higher the points.
- ❖ **Aroma:** Judged when the lid is removed from the jar.
- ❖ **Flavour:** Taken from a small sample of the honey.
- ❖ **Colour:** Judged in relation to specified classes, which range from
- ❖ **> Light • Amber • Golden • Dark**
- ❖ **Clearness and Brightness:** Cloudy dull honey loses points.
- ❖ **Finish:** No imperfections; appropriate air space under the lid - fill to 6mm of the top; including the quality of jar.
- ❖ **Total score** - 100 points (most points are allocated for density and flavour).

**Class 20000** - General Honey

## COMB HONEY

**Class 20006** - Comb in Liquid Honey (Chunk Honey) - 375ml Jar, Filled to 5mm from top of jar.

**Class 20007** - Frame of Comb Honey - One frame FULLY capped frame of honey.

**Class 20008** - Container of Comb/Burcomb - Any size, any shape, be adventurous!

## GRANULATED HONEY

**Class 20009** - Granulated Honey - 375ml Jar, Filled to 5mm from top of jar.

## WHIPPED HONEY

Candied and creamed honey - there will be no distinction based on the colour of the honey.

**Class 20010** - Whipped Honey -375ml Jar, Filled to 6mm from top of jar.

APICULTURE - CHAMPION HONEY OF THE SHOW -

Prize \$100 cash - sponsored by **SUNSHINE COAST BEEKEEPERS, Yandina**

APICULTURE - RESERVE CHAMPION HONEY OF THE SHOW

Prize \$75 cash - sponsored by **SUNSHINE COAST BEEKEEPERS, Yandina**

## BEESWAX

**Class 20011** - Beeswax - Moulded Block - One Block approx. 500g - Natural coloured wax.

**Class 20012** - Beeswax - Art - Any format can be moulded, sculpted, painted, collaged - HAVE FUN.

## MEAD

Rules:-

1. The 2025 Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show Mead Competition is open to commercial and amateur Mead producers throughout Australia.
2. Exhibits must be produced by the Exhibitor.
3. Minimum entry is two (2) x 330ml bottles or one (1) 750ml bottle. Entries must be in cans or bottles.
4. There is no limit on the number of entries from each exhibitor, but no individual mead may enter more than one class.
5. Style guidelines will follow the current BJCP publication.  
[https://legacy.bjcp.org/docs/2015\\_Guidelines\\_Mead.pdf](https://legacy.bjcp.org/docs/2015_Guidelines_Mead.pdf) If in doubt of an Australian style for comparison, please contact the Chief Steward.
6. Judging will be out of 50 marks.
7. Classes for Entry:-
  - Class 20013 - Traditional Mead
  - Class 20014 - Melomel
  - Class 20015 - Spiced (and fruit with spice)
  - Class 20016 - Experimental
8. Entries will be judged to a standard, not to a place. Gold, Silver and Bronze awards will be given for meads reaching that standard. Judges reserve the right not to award any medals in a class if a standard is not met. All judging decisions are final.
  - Gold above 45 points
  - Silver above 40 points
  - Bronze above 35 points
  - Highly Commended above 30 points.
9. Certificates will be awarded for all classes.
10. All entries can be collected as per point 6 under the general Honey conditions
11. This Schedule, Prizes & Sponsors may change at any time without notice.
12. Refer to Condition #5 of General Conditions

**Class 20013** - Mead Traditional - Standard traditional Mead - honey, water and yeast.

**Class 20014** - Mead - Melomel - Mead made with fruits.

Varieties include:- Cyser - mead mixed with apple juice of cider; Pyment - mead mixed with grapes and /or water; Morat - mead flavoured with mulberries; Rubamel - mead flavoured with raspberries

**Class 20015** - Mead - Spiced - Mead flavoured with herbs and spices.

Mulled mead; Gvorc - a spices Czech mead; Dandaghare - with Himalayan Nepalese spices; Rhodomel - with Rosehips

**Class 20016** - Experimental - This is the category for your indulgences and those not included in the previous classes. Sparkling meads, Hops meads and anything that takes your fancy.