

VAA Melbourne Section

April Meeting: 28th April 2022, 1 The Avenue, Surrey Hills, Vic.

Annual Honey Competition

1. Honey

1. Native Flora Honey
2. Yellow Box Honey
3. Introduced Flora Honey
4. Dark Honey: The darker the better (previously Medium Amber Honey) as people are being misled by the name medium and have been entering honeys that are too light for the category.
5. Candied Honey
6. Creamed Honey
7. Garden Honey

Conditions:

- (i) Honey is to be in a standard 500g (375ml) round glass jar with a white/gold 63mm lid, labelled with honey type & containing no wax.
- (ii) Jars to be filled half way between lid rim and top.

Judging Criteria:

- (i) Honey liquid will be judged on Colour (25 points), Density (25 points), Flavour (25 points), General Appearance (15 points), Aroma (10 points) TOTAL 100
- (ii) Honey Candied or Creamed will be judged on Evenness of Grain (30 points), Flavour (30 points), Firmness (30 points), Colour (10 points) TOTAL 100

****To help with judging please label the honey flavour on the bottom of the jar (small label.)**

2. Honeycomb & Bees' Wax

1. Sealed Frame (full depth)
2. Honeycomb Section
3. Beeswax Block (approx. 1kg)
4. Decorative Bees Wax

Conditions:

- (i) All pure bees wax items to have a neat, clean appearance, no cracks or sediment.

Judging Criteria:

- (i) Frame and Comb Honey will be judged on Fullness (30 points), Colour of Cappings (30 points), Evenness (20 points), General Appearance (20 points) TOTAL 100
- (ii) Wax will be judged on Colour (25 points), Clearness (25 points), Tenacity (20 points), General Appearance (20 points), Aroma (10 points) TOTAL 100

3. Photography

1. History
2. Native Flora
3. Introduced Flora
4. Apiary (now on its own)
5. Equipment (now on its own)
6. Portrait of a Honeybee

All entries are to be submitted to the Competition Steward when you check-in at the April meeting, but no later than 7:30 pm Thursday 28th April 2022.

No Cake Competition: Owing to Covid restrictions and health and safety considerations it has been decided not to proceed with this competition in 2022.

We look forward to a wonderful array of entries in all categories.

Have fun and share your products and skills.

Prepare for the VAA Conference competitions!!!