



## FIELD INSPECTION REPORT

Hive Owner: The Beekeepers Club

Date: 26 Feb 2017

Location : Lookover Rd Donvale Hive #1.

Weather : Fine 27°C Sunny

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### Overview:

Hive consisted of a single 8 standard frame brood super and 2 x ideal honey supers. Colony population quite strong. Bess calm. Eggs and larvae sighted in good pattern and numbers on frames 2-7, indicating queen in good health. Brood frames 1 and 8 only small amount of brood but good pollen stores on frame 1 (LHS). Overall stores adequate in brood box. The top honey super had frames 3-6, 90% capped and could be extracted. Bottom honey super also contained good level of honey stores in frames 2-6. Queen excluder was fitted.

Inspection: Carried out to FEDSS method.

**Food:** Stores sufficient to maintain colony survival, good amount of capped honey, some immature honey.

**Eggs:** Eggs and larvae sighted, good numbers in nice pattern. Good laying patterns indicating queen is active and appears in good health. Queen briefly sighted by 1 or 2 participants but quickly lost.

**Disease:** No sign of disease to worry about. No small hive beetle was observed. No visible signs of disease such as Nosema or excessive chalkbrood, strange or strong odours.

**Space:** Colony has plenty of space available, no action required at this time.

**Swarming:** No signs of swarming activity.

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### Conclusions and immediate actions:

No immediate action needs to be taken, food supplies, health and temperament all good. Will need to consider replacing some brood frames and honey frames with new over next few openings.

Would recommend another opening in 3-4 weeks to check hive health.

If club requires frames for honey extraction exercise frames 3-6 of top honey super could be used.

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