# Coordinating Amateur Groups

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## Beekeeping groups in Australia

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Beekeeping groups - NSW

Beekeeping groups - QLD
Beekeeping groups - South Australia

Beekeeping groups - Tasmania
Beekeeping groups - Victoria

Beekeeping groups - Western Australia
Tasmania: an example of coordination of amateur and commercial beekeepers

Tasmanian Beekeeping Association

- Three branches
- Beekeepers can join the TBA only or a branch only or both
- If a branch pays two membership of the TBA, Branch can have an executive member on the TBA Executive and two votes at the TBA AGM
- Caters for all beekeepers irrespective of colony numbers
- Only Association in Tasmania

NSW: coordination of amateur beekeepers

NSW Amateur Beekeepers Association established 1954

Growth

- 1968 6 Branches
- 1988 7 Branches
- 1991 8 Branches
- 2004 7 Branches
- 2018 21 Branches

Currently 1700 members with members from NSW, Victoria, Queensland, and Northern Territory
NSW: Structure

- Executive of ten with specific responsibilities
- Four Council meetings per year
- Executive elected at AGM
- Executive meetings as required

The 2017/18 ABA Executive
NSW: Membership fees

- Paid to Association currently $50 early payment $40
- The Association also collects any local fees on behalf of clubs
- All membership data is maintained at state level to improve accuracy and reduce local administrative effort
- Association supports Branches with a yearly financial grant
- Support establishment of new Branches with financial grant

NSW: activities of Executive

- Association bi-monthly newsletter for all members
- Held State Conference, trade show and field day
- Website [www.beekeepers.asn.au](http://www.beekeepers.asn.au) and online shop
- Support for members and branches
- Non-commercial members of AHBIC
- Cooperate with NSW Apiarist Association
- Education: assisted 30 members to complete Certificate III in Beekeeping unit: Managing Pests and Disease within a Honeybee colony, through NSW Smart & Skilled program
- Contact with DPI and support Biosecurity activities; only association to support AFB month and sugar shake month.
- Insurance and member discounts
- Lobbying government on behalf all beekeepers
The 2018 ABA Conference

The 2018 ABA Trade Show
The 2018 Hawkesbury Show

Korean visitors at Illawarra Beekeepers’ club house