Tasmanian Beekeepers Association
Honey Competition 2026

Country Club Launceston, 10-11 July 2026

The TBA Honey Competition is held annually in conjunction with the annual TBA conference. The competition includes honey, honey beverage, beeswax, and photography. The competition is open to the public and entry fees for each category are specified in this document. It is a requirement of entry that the competitor be present at the TBA conference. There are prizes and trophies to be won.

The TBA acknowledges the fantastic and generous sponsorship that is received from individuals, families and organisations.

ENTRIES	To enter the Honey Competition please complete the attached form and email to secretary@tasmanianbeekeepers.org.au
CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES	Entry forms must be emailed to the secretary by close of business Wednesday 8th July 2026.
DELIVERY OF EXHIBITS	Exhibits can be delivered between 4-5pm on Friday 10th July or 8–9am on Saturday 11th July at the conference venue. All exhibits must be labelled and displayed in their allocated spots by 9.30 am on Saturday 11th July. Labels will be issued when exhibits are delivered.
JUDGING	Judging of the Honey Classes, Honey Beverages and Beeswax Classes will occur on Saturday 11th July. The winner of the Photo Competition is a Peoples' Choice Award. votes are to be lodged by attendees prior to the end of the Saturday afternoon session of the conference.
ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS	Competition winners will be announced at the Conference Dinner on Saturday evening 11th July.

Entry fee is $25 per entry except Class 4 (Leatherwood Honey)
Class 4 – Leatherwood Honey entry fee is $50 – TBA members receive a 20% discount i.e. $40 and branch members receive a 10% discount i.e. $45.

Only one entry per class, per exhibitor except classes 2 & 3 providing it is a different species and the species is specified on the entry form. If more than one entry for classes 2 & 3, only 1 will be counted for the Gordon Lee Trophy.

Gordon Lee Trophy - champion aggregate
The Gordon Lee Trophy is presented to the person who wins the most points across classes 1 to 10 of judging in section one. Gordon Lee was the second President of the TBA serving from 1948 to 1963.

Please refer to the last page of this document for the entry form.

HONEY CLASSES to be exhibited in round 500 gram clear jars, with white metal lids.		**JUDGING CRITERIA**
1.	Introduced flora – clover/blackberry - liquid	Flavour 30 points Density 30 points Aroma 20 points Clearness and brightness 10 Finish 10 = 100 points
2.	Introduced flora – other than clover/blackberry -liquid	
3.	Native Flora – liquid	
4.	Leatherwood – liquid *Reuben Charles Trophy*	
5.	Tasmanian Manuka	Flavour 30 Density 20 Aroma 20 No impurities 20 Finish 10 = 100 points
6.	Hard Candied *Robert & Ian Stephens Memorial Award*	Flavour 25 Colour 20 Aroma 10 Hardness of grain 25 Regularity of grain 10 Finish 10 = 100 points
7.	Soft Candied – Set	Flavour 25 Colour 20 Aroma 10 Softness of grain 25 Regularity of grain 10 Finish 10 = 100 points
8.	Creamed/Whipped Honey	Flavour 30 Evenness of grain 30 Firmness 30 Colour 10 = 100 points

Honey Beverage - Mead to be exhibited in round 750 ml clear bottles		**JUDGING CRITERIA**
9.	Mead *The Taverner's Perpetual Trophy*	Flavour 50 Aroma 20 Appearance 20 Mouthfeel 10 = 100 points

Beeswax – 1.5 kg block (will be weighed)		**JUDGING CRITERIA**
10.	Beeswax	Colour 35 Clearness 25 General Appearance 30 Aroma 10 = 100 points

Honey Competition Rules

- *Only delegates attending the conference are permitted to enter exhibits in the Honey Competition.*
- *All exhibits must be of Tasmania origin, 100% Tasmania honey and apiary products produced and packaged in Tasmania.*
- *All entries in classes 1-8 must be in 500gm round glass jars with white metal lid.*
- *All entries in class 9 must be in round 750 ml clear bottles.*
- *All entries in class 10 must be weigh 1.5 kg block.*
- *All entries in the photography section must be A4 photos (laminated if possible), no frames.*
- *The exhibitors name must not appear on any exhibit. Entries are not to have any identifying marks.*
- *All exhibits are the responsibility of the exhibitor. The TBA will not be responsible for the loss of, or any damage whatsoever to exhibits.*
- *Judges and Stewards will be appointed by the TBA Executive Committee.*
- *Where, in the opinion of a Judge, an entry is entered in a wrong class, the judge may refer the matter to the Steward for inquiry and upon the recommendation of the Judge and at the discretion of the Steward, such entry may be transferred to the class for which it is eligible.*
- *Where multiple entries are made by any one exhibitor in any one class, it is essential that individual exhibits be derived from different floral sources. No entry may be shown in more than one class.*
- *Should the quality of entries in any class not reach adequate standard, the judges are empowered to withhold awards.*
- *Awards will be presented for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.*
- *The Judges decision will be final with no correspondence entered into.*
- *Entries to be delivered to the judging area at the Conference venue by 9.00am on Saturday 11th July.* ***Late entries will not be accepted.***
- *By submitting an entry, the entrant agrees to the rules and regulations and confirms his or her entry complies with all the requirements in the rules and regulations.*
- *Entries to be collected after lunch on Saturday 11th July.*
- *Exhibitors irrevocably consent to the TBA publishing or reproducing in any manner whatsoever any particulars or information in relation to their exhibits: the publication or reproduction may be in a printed form or a visual image through electronic means and/or on the internet.*

TBA HONEY COMPETITION ENTRY FORM – 2026

Exhibitors Name: .....

TBA Member yes/no ..... **Branch Member** yes/no .....

Non Member yes/no .....

HONEY CLASSES (if more than 2 for classes 2&3 please use another form)		**Tick if entering**	**Entry Fee**	**Entry Number Office Use Only**
1.	Introduced flora – clover/blackberry (liquid)			
2.	Introduced flora – other than clover/blackberry (liquid) Name Species ..... Name Species			
3.	Native Flora – liquid Name Species ..... Name Species			
4.	Leatherwood – liquid			
5.	Tasmanian Manuka			
6.	Hard Candied			
7.	Soft Candied – Set			
8.	Creamed/Whipped Honey			
HONEY BEVERAGE		**Tick if entering**	**Entry Fee**	
9.	Mead			
BEESWAX		**Tick if entering**	**Entry Fee**	
10.	Block of Beeswax			
PHOTOGRAPHY SUBJECT		**Tick if entering**	**Entry Fee**	**Entry Number Office Use Only**
1.	Inspecting Hives			
2.	Bee Swarms			
3.	Bees Working Nectar Sources			
4.	Floral Landscapes e.g. leatherwood			
5.	Any other beekeeping photo			
		TOTAL ENTRY FEE	$	

Email the completed form to secretary@tasmanianbeekeepers.org.au by 5pm on Wednesday 8th July 2026.

Entry fees must be deposited into the TBA Bank Account with reference "your name + honey competition" prior to closing date.

Bank Details: Account Name – Tasmanian Beekeepers Association
Account Number 067 – 406 00901724

Office Use Only:

Entry received date:	
Monies received date:	
Exhibits received:	