



Backyard Bee Keeping

Bruce White is a retired NSW DPI / Agriculture Bee expert .Bruce will guide us through everything you need to know about starting and managing your own hives. Bruce sell's his honey at various events including the Berry Markets.

Date: Friday 30th & Saturday 31st July

Venue: NSW DI&I, Schofields Lane, Berry

Cost: \$100 per person (includes notes, lunch & morning tea on both days)

RSVP: Andrew Britton Ph: 42323200 or Email: abritton@southerncouncils.nsw.gov.au

Workshop Outline - Day 1

Start 9am

1. Introduction and over view of the beekeeping industry
 - * Amateur / Part Time / Commercial
2. Designs of Protective Clothing
3. Design of bee hives and various options
4. Assembling of Equipment
 - * Lids / Bottoms Boards / Boxes / Frames / Comb Foundation / Wood Preservatives
5. Painting (It would be great if some of the students could bring along equipment, hammer and nails, preservatives and paint for this section)
6. Handling Bees practical section
7. Select sites - Back yard & Rural sites
8. Year round management of hives
 - * Spring / Summer/ Autumn / Winter
9. Options for getting your first hive
 - * Catch a swarm / Buy a nucleus / Buy established hive
10. How to move Hives
 - * Closed Entrances / Open Entrances

Finish 5pm



Workshop Outline – Day 2

Start 9am

1. Rules and Regulations for Keeping Bees
 - * Bee Diseases / Endemic / Exotic
2. Support for Beekeepers
 - * Government / Non Government.
3. Honey and Pollen Flora
4. Feeding
 - * Energy / Protein
5. Increasing Hive Numbers (Practical session)
6. Trapping Pollen
7. Alternate Products of the hive
 - * Pollen / Queen bees / Beeswax / Bee venom / Propolis / Royal Jelly / Package bees
8. Method to remove honey
 - * Drift / Blower / Shake / Brush / Escape Board
9. Honey extracting
10. Marketing Honey
11. Valuing Hives
12. Catching a Swarm



Finish 5pm

To register:

Contact: Andrew Britton, Small Farms Coordinator on (02) 4232 3200

Send payment to: Small Farms Network, PO Box 148, Kiama NSW 2533

Make Payment to: “Kiama Municipal Council”